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#### **SYMBOLS USED IN TABLES**

- Represents zero or rounds to zero.
  - B Base less than 75,000.
  - NA Not available.
  - X Not applicable.
  - r Revised.
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# **Money Income and Poverty Status of Families and Persons in the United States: 1981 (Advance Data From the March 1982 CPS)**

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

For the second year in a row, the income of American families failed to make headway against inflation according to results of the March 1982 Current Population Survey (CPS) conducted by the Bureau of the Census. In 1981, the median family income was \$22,390, an increase of 6.5 percent before adjusting for the change in consumer prices. After adjusting for a 10.4-percent increase in consumer prices between 1980 and 1981, however, median family income decreased by 3.5 percent.<sup>1</sup> This decline was somewhat smaller than the decline in real median family income of 5.5 percent which occurred between 1979 and 1980.

Between 1980 and 1981 the number of persons below the poverty level rose from 29.6 million to 31.8 million, an increase of 2.2 million or 7.4 percent.<sup>2</sup> This means that approximately 1 out of every 7 persons was living below the poverty level in 1981. Between 1979 and 1980, the number of persons below the poverty level rose by 3.2 million or 12.3 percent; the difference in the increases is not statistically significant.

The poverty threshold in 1981 for a family of four was \$9,287.

## **MONEY INCOME OF FAMILIES**

Inflation and the recession contributed to the decline in real income for families. Real median family income fell in three of the four regions of the Nation. The Northeast, with a median family income of \$23,710, was the only region that did not experience a decline in real income. The North Central (\$23,120), South (\$20,580), and West (\$23,870) Regions all showed lower real median family income.<sup>3</sup>

For the third consecutive year the indexing of Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, and other retirement and transfer programs have helped families with no earners fare better relative to inflation than their working counterparts. The median income for families with no earners was \$9,410, unchanged from 1980 in real terms. One-earner family income was \$17,630, down 4.5 percent, while two-earner family income was \$26,860, down 1.3 percent.

Median family income in 1981 was \$23,520 for Whites, \$13,270 for Blacks, and \$16,400 for Spanish. After adjusting for inflation, the median family incomes of Blacks and Whites declined. Spanish-origin families experienced no decline in their real median income.

Following last year's large decline, the income of farm families in 1981 remained at about the 1980 level. Their 1981 median family income was \$17,080, unchanged from 1980 after adjusting for inflation. This differs

<sup>1</sup>Changes in real income refer to comparisons after adjusting for inflation. The percentage change in prices between 1980 and 1981 was computed by dividing the annual average Consumer Price Index (CPI) for 1981 by the annual average value of the CPI for 1980. Research has shown that, in recent years, the treatment of home prices and mortgage interest costs in the calculation of the CPI tended to overstate the increase in prices experienced by the average consumer. See table A-2 of appendix A for CPI's from 1947 to 1981.

<sup>2</sup>All comparisons between 1980 and 1981 are made using the modified poverty definition. For a further explanation, see the section entitled "Changes in the Definition of Poverty."

<sup>3</sup>Real median family incomes for the Northeast and West Regions were not significantly different from one another. The difference between real median family income in the Northeast and the North Central Regions was statistically significant at the 92-percent confidence level.

from the 14.8-percent drop in real median income experienced during the previous year.<sup>4</sup>

#### MONEY INCOME OF PERSONS

Results of the survey indicate that, as in 1980, women fared slightly better than men in terms of changes in real money income.

<sup>4</sup>The difference between the percent change in real income for 1980-81 and 1979-80 was statistically significant at the 92-percent confidence level.

Median income for women was \$5,460 in 1981, not significantly different from the 1980 median in real terms. The median income of men was \$13,470, down about 2.6 percent from the 1980 level.

As shown in table 7, real income of all women declined for only three of the characteristics presented. Black women in the South, women under the age of 25, and female private household workers all had their real median incomes decline. Men, however, showed declines in more categories. As in 1980, real median incomes of both men and women 65 years old and over showed no significant

Table A. Comparison of Median Family Income in 1981 and 1980, by Selected Characteristics

Selected characteristics	Median family money income			Percent change in real money income	
	1981	1980			
		Constant dollars	Current dollars		
All families.....	\$22,388	\$23,204	\$21,023	*-3.5	
RACE OF HOUSEHOLDER					
White.....	23,517	24,176	21,904	*-2.7	
Black.....	13,267	13,989	12,674	*-5.2	
Spanish origin <sup>1</sup> .....	16,402	16,244	14,717	1.0	
RESIDENCE					
Nonfarm.....	22,554	23,345	21,151	*-3.4	
Farm.....	17,082	17,389	15,755	-1.8	
REGION					
Northeast.....	23,706	24,123	21,856	-1.7	
North Central.....	23,118	23,991	21,736	*-3.6	
South.....	20,582	21,128	19,142	*-2.6	
West.....	23,873	24,592	22,281	*-2.9	
NUMBER OF EARNERS <sup>2</sup>					
Total.....	22,433	23,257	21,071	*-3.5	
No earners.....	9,410	9,450	8,562	-0.4	
1 earner.....	17,626	18,448	16,714	*-4.5	
2 earners.....	26,860	27,215	24,657	*-1.3	
3 earners.....	34,298	35,135	31,833	*-2.4	
4 earners or more.....	41,989	43,707	39,599	*-3.9	

\*Significant at the 95-percent confidence level.

<sup>1</sup>Persons of Spanish origin may be of any race.

<sup>2</sup>Excludes families with members in the Armed Forces.

change, again indicating in part, that many sources of retirement income are indexed to inflation.

Both male and female year-round, full-time workers fared about the same in 1981, both showed a significant decline in real income from 1980. The median income for male year-round, full-time workers was \$20,690 compared with \$12,460 for women.

#### POVERTY STATUS

The decline in real money income between 1980 and 1981 was accompanied by an increase in the number and percentage of persons below the poverty level. There were 31.8 million persons classified as poor in 1981, an increase of 2.2 million over 1980. During the same period, the poverty rate rose from 13.2 to 14.0 percent.

**Table B. Persons, Families, and Unrelated Individuals Below the Poverty Level in 1981 and 1980**

(Numbers in thousands. Persons, families, and unrelated individuals as of March of the following year)

Selected characteristics	Below poverty level			Poverty rate		
	1981	1980	Difference (1981 minus 1980)	1981	1980	Difference (1981 minus 1980)
All persons.....	31,822	29,640	*2,182	14.0	13.2	*0.8
White.....	21,553	20,049	*1,504	11.1	10.4	*0.7
Black.....	9,173	8,555	*618	34.2	32.4	*1.8
Spanish origin <sup>1</sup> .....	3,713	3,566	147	26.5	26.2	0.3
Under 65 years.....	27,969	25,726	*2,243	13.9	12.8	*1.1
65 years and over.....	3,853	3,914	-61	15.3	15.9	-0.6
Related children under 18 years.....	12,324	11,456	*868	19.8	18.3	*1.5
Nonfarm.....	30,562	28,446	*2,116	13.8	13.0	*0.8
Farm.....	1,260	1,194	66	23.0	21.2	1.8
In metropolitan areas.....	19,347	18,157	*1,190	12.6	11.9	**0.7
In central cities.....	11,231	10,674	557	18.0	17.2	0.8
Outside central cities.....	8,116	7,483	**633	8.9	8.3	0.6
Outside metropolitan areas.....	12,475	11,483	*992	17.0	15.7	*1.3
North and West.....	18,566	17,136	*1,430	12.3	11.4	*0.9
South.....	13,256	12,504	*752	17.4	16.7	**0.7
All families.....	6,851	6,301	*550	11.2	10.4	*0.8
Married-couple families.....	3,394	3,085	*309	6.8	6.3	*0.5
Male householder, no wife present.....	205	196	9	10.3	10.1	0.2
Female householder, no husband present..	3,252	3,021	*231	34.6	33.3	**1.3
All unrelated individuals.....	6,490	6,257	**233	23.4	23.1	0.3
Male.....	2,239	2,028	*211	18.1	16.7	*1.4
Female.....	4,251	4,229	22	27.7	28.2	-0.5

\*Significant at the 95-percent confidence level.

\*\*Significant between the 90-percent and 95-percent confidence levels.

<sup>1</sup>Persons of Spanish origin may be of any race.

Among the factors contributing to the increase in poverty were the recession that began in mid-1981 and the associated rise in the unemployment rate. The Consumer Price Index rose 10.4 percent between 1980 and 1981, resulting in a similar increase in the poverty thresholds. The threshold for a family of four was \$9,287 in 1981, compared with \$8,414 in 1980.

The increase in poverty between 1980 and 1981 affected many segments of the U.S. population. In 1981, there were 21.6 million Whites and 9.2 million Blacks below the poverty level; both of these figures were higher than in 1980. There was no significant change in the number of poor persons of Spanish origin (3.7 million in 1981). The number of poor children under 18 years old rose from 11.5 million in 1980 to 12.3 million in 1981, and their poverty rate rose from 18.3 to 19.8 percent. In contrast, the number of poor persons 65 years old and over remained unchanged at 3.9 million, and their poverty rate (15.3 percent) was also essentially the same as in the previous year. One reason for this may be that most elderly people are no longer working and, therefore, are less adversely affected by rising unemployment. In addition, the most important Government programs benefiting the elderly, including Social Security and Supplemental Security Income, are indexed to reflect changes in the price level.

The increase in the poverty population occurred in all major geographic areas. Metropolitan and nonmetropolitan areas experienced increases of similar size in the number of poor persons between 1980 and 1981 (1.2 million and 990,000, respectively). Although the overall poverty rate for metropolitan areas was 12.6 percent in 1981, their central cities had a considerably higher rate (18.0 percent) and areas outside central cities had a lower rate (8.9 percent). The poverty rate in nonmetropolitan areas was 17.0 percent, up from 15.7 percent in 1980.<sup>5</sup> The number of poor persons also rose in both the South and in the other three regions combined (referred to in table B as "North and West"). In 1981, as in earlier years, the poverty rate was higher in the South (17.4 percent) than in the North and West (12.3 percent). There was a substantial increase in the number of nonfarm residents classified as poor, but the number of farm residents below the poverty level was unchanged at about 1.3 million.

The number of families below the poverty level increased from 6.3 million in 1980 to 6.9 million in 1981, and their poverty rate rose from 10.4 percent to 11.2 percent. The number of poor married-couple families rose

from 3.1 to 3.4 million, and their poverty rate went from 6.3 to 6.8 percent. Among families with a female householder, no husband present, the number in poverty rose from 3.0 to 3.3 million; there was some evidence of an increase in the poverty rate, from 33.3 to 34.6 percent. About one-half of all families below the poverty level in 1981 were maintained by women with no husband present. There was some evidence of an increase in the number of poor unrelated individuals between 1980 and 1981, from 6.3 million to 6.5 million. Of these 6.5 million, 2.2 million were male and 4.3 million were female; the number of males below the poverty level increased between 1980 and 1981, while the number of females was unchanged.

#### CHANGES IN THE DEFINITION OF POVERTY

The poverty definition used to produce the estimates in this report differs slightly from the one used in previous Current Population Surveys. As a result of recommendations made in 1980 by a Federal Interagency Committee, the following technical revisions have been incorporated:

1. There are no longer separate sets of poverty thresholds for the categories, "Families with a female householder, no husband present" and "All other families." Instead, a weighted average of the two sets of thresholds is used for all families.
2. Differences in the poverty thresholds based on farm-nonfarm residence have been eliminated through the use of nonfarm thresholds for all families and unrelated individuals.
3. The poverty matrix has been extended to families of nine or more persons from the old cutoff of seven or more persons. The thresholds for the additional family sizes were developed by Mollie Orshansky of the Social Security Administration, using the same methodology employed to construct the original poverty index.

The modified poverty matrix provides a range of income cutoffs adjusted by family size and number of children under 18 years old. Unrelated individuals and two-person families are further differentiated by the age of the individual or family householder (under 65 years and 65 years and over). A set of poverty thresholds incorporating the three changes was computed using March 1979 CPS data for the income year 1978, which serves as the base year for the revised poverty definition. These thresholds have been adjusted to reflect the increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) between 1978 and

<sup>5</sup>Poverty rates in 1981 for nonmetropolitan areas and central cities were not significantly different from one another.

1981. Weighted average poverty thresholds for 1981 are shown in appendix A.

Tabulations of the March 1981 CPS using both the old and new poverty definitions indicate that the combined effect of the three modifications is quite small. The total number of persons below the poverty level in 1980 was 29.3 million under the old definition and 29.6 million under the new one; the poverty rate rose from 13.0 to 13.2 percent. The new matrix also raised very slightly the number of poor families, from 6.2 to 6.3 million. In a few cases, the increases in poverty were more substantial. For example, the number of poor persons living on farms was 990,000 using the old matrix and 1.2 million using the revised matrix. This outcome is not surprising, since the thresholds applied to farm families are approximately 15 percent higher under the new definition. For a more detailed description of the revisions and their impact on the poverty data, see the upcoming Current

Population Reports, Series P-60, No. 133, "Characteristics of the Population Below the Poverty Level: 1980."

#### **UPCOMING ADVANCE REPORT ON NONCASH BENEFITS**

In addition to this report covering money income and poverty status in 1981, the Census Bureau is preparing an advance report covering households receiving noncash or in-kind benefits during 1981. For a detailed discussion on measuring and valuing noncash benefits, see Technical Paper No. 50, "Alternative Methods for Valuing Selected In-kind Transfer Benefits and Measuring Their Effect on Poverty." This technical paper presented estimates of poverty based on both money income and the value of selected noncash benefits. By including the value of noncash benefits the report indicates that the number of poor would be reduced by between 12 and 42 percent from the current money income poverty definition.

**Table 1. Selected Characteristics of Families—Number of Families and Median Income in 1981 and 1980 of All Families and Families With Householders Working Year Round Full Time, by Race and Spanish Origin of Householder**  
 (FAMILIES AS OF MARCH OF THE FOLLOWING YEAR. AN ASTERISK (\*) PRECEDING PERCENT CHANGE INDICATES STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT CHANGE AT THE 95-PERCENT CONFIDENCE LEVEL. FOR MEANING OF SYMBOLS, SEE TEXT)

SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS	ALL FAMILIES							HOUSEHOLDER YEAR-ROUND FULL-TIME WORKERS						
	1981			1980		PERCENT CHANGE (MEDIAN INCOME)		1981			1980		PERCENT CHANGE (MEDIAN INCOME)	
	NUMBER (THOUS.)	MEDIAN INCOME (DOL.)	STANDARD ERROR (DOL.)	MEDIAN INCOME (DOL.)	IN CURRENT DOLLARS	IN 1981 DOLLARS	NUMBER (THOUS.)	MEDIAN INCOME (DOL.)	STANDARD ERROR (DOL.)	MEDIAN INCOME (DOL.)	IN CURRENT DOLLARS	IN 1981 DOLLARS		
<b>ALL RACES</b>														
ALL FAMILIES . . . . .	61 019	22 388	96	21 023	\$6.5	*-3.5	34 759	28 680	139	26 384	*8.7	*-1.5		
TYPE OF RESIDENCE														
NONFARM . . . . .	59 421	22 554	113	21 151	\$6.6	*-3.4	33 619	29 003	139	26 608	*9.0	*-1.2		
FARM . . . . .	1 598	17 082	894	15 755	8.4	-1.8	1 140	18 306	1 206	17 671	3.6	*-6.1		
INSIDE METROPOLITAN AREAS . . .	40 612	24 478	204	22 590	\$8.4	*-1.8	23 758	30 680	215	27 956	*9.7	*-0.6		
1,000,000 OR MORE . . . . .	22 777	25 741	265	23 825	\$8.0	-2.1	13 433	32 137	304	29 514	*8.9	-1.3		
INSIDE CENTRAL CITIES . . . . .	8 025	20 268	415	18 908	\$7.2	-2.9	4 104	27 455	575	25 912	*6.0	-4.0		
OUTSIDE CENTRAL CITIES . . . . .	14 752	28 647	350	26 339	\$8.8	-1.5	9 320	34 343	439	30 942	*11.0	0.6		
UNDER 1,000,000 . . . . .	17 835	22 893	300	21 317	\$7.4	*-2.7	10 325	28 925	334	26 402	*9.5	-0.7		
INSIDE CENTRAL CITIES . . . . .	7 813	21 242	368	19 817	\$7.2	-2.9	4 349	27 909	537	25 858	*7.9	-2.2		
OUTSIDE CENTRAL CITIES . . . . .	10 022	24 286	375	22 393	\$8.5	-1.7	5 976	29 584	420	26 830	*10.3	-0.1		
OUTSIDE METROPOLITAN AREAS . . . . .	20 407	19 225	236	18 069	*6.4	*-3.6	11 001	24 698	322	23 004	*7.4	-2.7		
REGION														
NORTHEAST . . . . .	12 924	23 706	246	21 856	\$8.5	-1.7	7 595	29 654	323	27 207	*9.0	-1.2		
NORTH CENTRAL . . . . .	15 718	23 118	224	21 736	\$6.4	*-3.6	9 125	29 190	270	26 638	*9.6	-0.7		
SOUTH . . . . .	20 959	20 582	169	19 142	\$7.5	*-2.6	11 708	26 878	215	24 641	*9.1	-1.2		
WEST . . . . .	11 417	23 873	273	22 281	*7.1	*-2.9	6 331	30 598	292	28 357	*7.9	-2.2		
TYPE OF FAMILY														
MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES . . . . .	49 630	25 065	113	23 141	*6.3	*-1.9	30 343	30 222	127	27 567	*9.6	-0.7		
WIFE IN PAID LABOR FORCE . . . . .	25 002	29 247	151	26 879	\$8.8	*-1.4	17 760	32 224	152	29 627	*8.8	*1.5		
WIFE NOT IN PAID LABOR FORCE . . . . .	24 628	20 325	144	18 972	*7.1	*-2.9	12 583	26 581	178	25 054	*6.1	*3.9		
MALE HOUSEHOLDER, NO WIFE PRESENT . . . . .	1 986	19 889	534	17 519	*13.5	2.9	1 080	25 059	578	22 650	*10.6	0.2		
FEMALE HHLDR, NO HUSBAND PRESENT . . . . .	9 403	10 960	156	10 408	*5.3	*-4.6	3 335	16 795	247	15 947	*5.3	*-4.6		
NUMBER OF EARNERS <sup>1</sup>														
TOTAL . . . . .	60 312	22 433	100	21 071	\$6.5	*-3.5	34 722	28 680	139	26 380	*8.7	*-1.5		
NO EARNERS . . . . .	8 526	9 410	124	8 562	\$9.9	-0.4	-	(8)	(8)	(8)	(x)	(x)		
1 EARNER . . . . .	18 555	17 626	171	16 714	\$5.5	*-4.5	10 251	21 462	161	20 586	*4.3	*-5.5		
2 EARNERS . . . . .	24 856	26 860	133	24 657	\$8.9	*-1.3	17 934	29 375	156	26 883	*9.3	-1.0		
3 EARNERS . . . . .	5 563	34 298	342	31 833	\$7.7	*-2.4	4 256	36 628	366	33 923	*8.0	-2.2		
4 EARNERS OR MORE . . . . .	2 812	41 989	550	39 599	*6.0	*-3.9	2 281	44 231	671	41 220	*7.3	*-2.6		
SIZE OF FAMILY														
2 PERSONS . . . . .	24 426	18 542	164	17 189	*7.9	*-2.3	10 678	26 761	203	24 785	*8.0	*-2.2		
3 PERSONS . . . . .	14 079	23 401	222	21 626	\$8.2	-2.0	8 634	28 362	275	25 910	*9.5	-0.8		
4 PERSONS . . . . .	12 594	26 274	215	24 332	\$8.0	*-2.2	8 821	30 073	242	27 413	*9.7	-0.6		
5 PERSONS . . . . .	5 971	26 258	305	24 843	*5.7	*-4.2	4 112	30 218	381	27 763	*8.8	-1.4		
6 PERSONS . . . . .	2 409	26 725	556	24 396	*9.5	-0.7	1 629	31 058	615	28 637	*8.5	-1.7		
7 PERSONS OR MORE . . . . .	1 539	24 323	865	23 322	4.3	-5.5	884	31 485	962	29 557	6.5	-3.5		
OCCUPATION GROUP OF LONGEST JOB OF HOUSEHOLDER														
TOTAL . . . . .	47 296	25 772	109	23 823	\$8.2	*-2.0	34 759	28 680	139	26 384	*8.7	*-1.5		
WHITE-COLLAR WORKERS . . . . .	22 415	31 101	171	28 370	\$9.6	-0.7	18 245	33 203	213	30 347	*9.4	-0.9		
PROFESSIONAL, TECHNICAL, AND KINDRED WORKERS . . . . .	7 851	34 042	308	30 624	*11.2	0.7	6 443	35 746	311	32 050	*11.5	1.1		
SELF-EMPLOYED . . . . .	7 107	33 519	314	30 238	*10.9	0.4	5 914	35 191	323	31 614	*11.3	0.9		
MANAGERS AND ADMINISTRATORS, EXCEPT FARM . . . . .	744	42 362	1 193	36 225	*16.9	6.0	529	47 689	1 997	42 651	11.8	1.3		
SALESMEN AND BUSINESS TRAVELERS . . . . .	7 391	33 774	353	31 196	*8.3	-1.9	6 456	35 382	364	32 370	*9.3	-1.0		
SELF-EMPLOYED . . . . .	6 200	35 610	381	32 467	*9.7	-0.6	5 528	36 921	366	33 824	*9.2	-1.1		
SALES WORKERS . . . . .	1 190	23 485	1 089	22 373	5.0	-4.9	928	24 923	987	24 854	0.3	*-9.1		
CLERICAL AND KINDRED WORKERS . . . . .	2 766	30 421	580	28 019	*8.6	-1.6	2 136	33 643	560	30 515	*10.3	-0.1		
BLUE-COLLAR WORKERS . . . . .	4 408	21 961	324	20 519	*7.0	-3.0	3 210	24 647	366	22 877	*7.7	-2.4		
CRAFT AND KINDRED WORKERS . . . . .	19 001	23 417	160	21 826	*7.3	*-2.8	12 873	26 056	158	24 153	*7.9	*-2.3		
OPERATIVES, INCLUDING TRANSPORT . . . . .	9 469	25 762	198	23 889	*7.8	*-2.3	6 778	27 789	246	25 729	*8.0	*-2.1		
OPERATIVES, EXCEPT TRANSPORT . . . . .	7 399	21 909	208	20 522	*6.8	*-3.3	4 828	24 605	302	22 703	*8.4	-1.8		
TRANSPORT EQUIP. OPERATIVES . . . . .	5 022	21 365	243	20 228	*5.6	*-4.3	3 211	23 921	392	22 220	*7.7	-2.5		
LABORERS, EXCEPT FARM . . . . .	2 377	23 262	432	21 343	*9.0	-1.3	1 616	25 774	479	23 808	*8.3	-1.9		
FARM WORKERS . . . . .	2 132	19 113	406	17 454	*9.5	-0.8	1 267	21 791	432	20 740	*5.1	*-4.6		
FARMERS AND FARM MANAGERS . . . . .	1 571	12 992	404	13 184	-1.5	*-10.7	1 173	13 520	444	13 895	-2.7	*-11.8		
FARM LABORERS AND SUPERVISORS . . . . .	1 094	13 305	548	14 185	-6.0	*-14.8	899	13 298	599	14 002	-5.0	*-10.0		
SERVICE WORKERS . . . . .	4 309	17 017	321	16 276	*4.6	*-5.3	2 468	21 085	377	20 241	4.2	*-5.6		
PRIVATE HOUSEHOLD WORKERS . . . . .	193	7 840	807	7 966	-1.6	-10.8	38	(8)	(8)	(8)	(x)	-15.3		
SERVICE WORKERS, EXCEPT PRIVATE HOUSEHOLD . . . . .	4 115	17 441	322	16 664	*4.7	*-5.2	2 430	21 219	377	20 374	4.1	*-5.6		

<sup>1</sup>EXCLUDES FAMILIES WITH MEMBERS WHO ARE IN THE ARMED FORCES.

**Table 1. Selected Characteristics of Families—Number of Families and Median Income in 1981 and 1980 of All Families and Families With Householders Working Year Round Full Time, by Race and Spanish Origin of Householder—Continued**

(FAMILIES AS OF MARCH OF THE FOLLOWING YEAR. AN ASTERISK (\*) PRECEDING PERCENT CHANGE INDICATES STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT CHANGE AT THE 95-PERCENT CONFIDENCE LEVEL. FOR MEANING OF SYMBOLS, SEE TEXT)

SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS 0	ALL FAMILIES							HOUSEHOLDER YEAR-ROUND FULL-TIME WORKERS						
	1981			1980	PERCENT CHANGE (MEDIAN INCOME)		1981			1980	PERCENT CHANGE (MEDIAN INCOME)			
	NUMBER (THOUS.)	MEDIAN INCOME (DOL.)	STANDARD ERROR (DOL.)	MEDIAN INCOME (DOL.)	IN CURRENT DOLLARS	IN 1981 DOLLARS	NUMBER (THOUS.)	MEDIAN INCOME (DOL.)	STANDARD ERROR (DOL.)	MEDIAN INCOME (DOL.)	IN CURRENT DOLLARS	IN 1981 DOLLARS		
<u>ALL RACES--CONTINUED</u>														
TENURE														
OWNER OCCUPIED . . . . .	45 442	25 664		116	23 721	*8.2	-2.0	27 443	31 071	133	28 370	*9.5	-0.8	
RENTER OCCUPIED . . . . .	14 666	14 728	164	13 730	*7.3	*-2.8	6 788	20 595	197	19 506	*5.6	*-4.3		
OCCUPIER PAID NO CASH RENT . . .	911	13 699	460	12 918	6.0	-3.9	527	17 060	866	16 076	6.1	-3.9		
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF HOUSEHOLDER														
TOTAL, 25 YEARS AND OVER . . .	57 397	23 126	122	21 637	*6.9	*-3.2	33 020	29 395	141	26 937	*9.1	*-1.1		
ELEMENTARY: TOTAL . . . . .	8 995	13 157	183	12 247	*7.4	-2.7	2 666	20 600	338	19 695	*4.6	*-5.2		
LESS THAN 8 YEARS . . . . .	4 901	11 998	184	10 836	*10.7	0.3	1 368	19 143	455	17 745	*7.9	-2.3		
8 YEARS . . . . .	4 094	14 568	248	14 115	3.2	*-6.5	1 297	22 052	458	21 329	3.4	*-6.3		
HIGH SCHOOL: TOTAL . . . . .	28 229	21 366	125	20 387	*4.8	*-5.0	15 809	26 499	156	24 668	*7.4	*-2.7		
1 TO 3 YEARS . . . . .	7 822	16 810	232	16 203	*3.7	*-6.0	3 424	23 012	379	21 849	*5.3	*-4.6		
4 YEARS . . . . .	20 408	23 003	175	21 845	*5.3	*-4.6	12 385	27 334	171	25 454	*7.4	*-2.7		
COLLEGE: TOTAL . . . . .	20 173	31 331	176	29 005	*8.0	*-2.1	14 545	34 661	231	31 924	*8.6	*-1.6		
1 TO 3 YEARS . . . . .	8 783	26 873	238	24 866	*8.1	-2.1	5 910	30 349	269	28 093	*8.0	-2.1		
4 YEARS OR MORE . . . . .	11 390	35 252	276	32 469	*8.6	-1.6	8 635	38 279	395	35 293	*8.5	-1.7		
5 YEARS OR MORE . . . . .	6 015	32 720	380	30 858	*6.0	*-3.9	4 544	35 541	380	33 321	*6.7	*-3.4		
<u>WHITE</u>														
ALL FAMILIES . . . . .	53 269	23 517	122	21 904	*7.4	*-2.7	31 152	29 361	148	26 865	*9.3	-1.0		
TYPE OF RESIDENCE														
NONFARM . . . . .	51 722	23 742	123	22 060	*7.6	*-2.5	30 038	29 724	148	27 113	*9.6	-0.7		
FARM . . . . .	1 547	17 248	916	16 076	7.3	-2.8	1 115	18 499	1 270	17 855	3.6	-6.1		
INSIDE METROPOLITAN AREAS . . .														
1,000,000 OR MORE . . . . .	34 665	25 832	194	23 815	*8.5	-1.7	20 880	31 491	221	28 719	*9.7	-0.7		
INSIDE CENTRAL CITIES . . . . .	18 977	27 396	288	25 297	*8.3	-1.9	11 540	33 455	417	30 470	*9.8	-0.5		
OUTSIDE CENTRAL CITIES . . . . .	5 465	22 968	541	21 167	*8.5	-1.7	2 963	29 692	710	27 597	*7.6	-2.5		
UNDER 1,000,000 . . . . .	13 512	29 253	367	26 791	*9.2	-1.1	8 577	34 945	435	31 296	*11.7	1.2		
INSIDE CENTRAL CITIES . . . . .	6 380	22 810	496	21 395	*6.6	-3.4	3 721	29 071	591	26 686	*8.9	-1.3		
OUTSIDE CENTRAL CITIES . . . . .	9 308	24 726	378	22 763	*8.6	-1.6	5 619	29 874	417	26 977	*10.7	0.3		
OUTSIDE METROPOLITAN AREAS . . .	18 604	20 003	227	18 794	*6.4	*-3.6	10 272	25 061	313	23 428	*7.0	*-3.1		
REGION														
NORTHEAST . . . . .	11 571	24 689	252	22 602	*9.2	-1.0	6 934	30 261	268	27 714	*9.2	-1.1		
NORTH CENTRAL . . . . .	14 270	23 886	237	22 314	*7.0	*-3.0	8 503	29 612	282	26 820	*10.4	-		
SOUTH . . . . .	17 377	22 051	173	20 631	*6.9	*-3.2	10 085	27 803	256	25 570	*8.7	-1.5		
WEST . . . . .	10 052	24 324	286	22 615	*7.6	*-2.6	5 631	30 802	317	28 560	*7.9	-2.3		
TYPE OF FAMILY														
MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES . . . . .	45 007	25 474	116	23 501	*8.4	*-1.8	27 773	30 513	130	27 795	*9.8	-0.5		
WIFE IN PAID LABOR FORCE . . . . .	22 252	29 713	162	27 238	*9.1	-1.2	15 954	32 489	178	29 842	*8.9	*-1.4		
WIFE NOT IN PAID LABOR FORCE . . . . .	22 755	20 880	148	19 430	*7.5	*-2.6	11 819	26 950	182	25 287	*6.6	*-3.4		
MALE HOUSEHOLDER, NO WIFE PRESENT	1 642	20 421	502	18 731	*9.0	-1.2	898	25 742	580	23 641	*8.9	-1.3		
FEMALE HHLDR, NO HUSBAND PRESENT	6 620	12 508	206	11 908	*5.0	*-4.8	2 481	18 046	359	16 988	*6.2	*-3.8		
NUMBER OF EARNERS <sup>1</sup>														
TOTAL . . . . .	52 680	23 574	123	21 949	*7.4	*-2.7	31 131	29 359	148	26 858	*9.3	-1.0		
NO EARNERS . . . . .	7 082	10 684	151	9 584	*11.5	1.0	-	(8)	(8)	(8)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
1 EARNER . . . . .	16 007	19 132	163	17 849	*7.1	*-3.0	9 085	22 297	166	21 324	*4.6	*-5.3		
2 EARNERS . . . . .	22 162	27 312	142	25 108	*8.8	*-1.4	16 142	29 734	166	27 154	*9.5	-0.8		
3 EARNERS . . . . .	4 285	35 156	355	32 522	*8.1	*-2.1	3 843	37 183	366	34 488	*7.8	*-2.3		
4 EARNERS OR MORE . . . . .	2 484	42 879	601	40 416	*6.1	*-3.9	2 061	44 843	648	41 808	*7.3	*-2.8		
<u>BLACK</u>														
ALL FAMILIES . . . . .	6 413	13 267	306	12 674	4.7	*-5.2	2 856	21 663	381	20 037	*8.1	-2.0		
TYPE OF RESIDENCE														
NONFARM . . . . .	6 370	13 284	308	12 701	4.6	*-5.2	2 835	21 737	379	20 050	*8.4	-1.8		
FARM . . . . .	43	(B)	(B)	(B)	(X)	(X)	21	(B)	(B)	(B)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)
INSIDE METROPOLITAN AREAS . . .	4 933	14 205	515	13 726	3.5	-6.2	2 277	22 522	664	21 177	6.4	-3.6		
1,000,000 OR MORE . . . . .	3 165	15 074	684	14 686	2.6	-7.0	1 498	22 987	849	21 759	5.6	-4.3		
INSIDE CENTRAL CITIES . . . . .	2 299	13 448	875	13 650	-1.5	-10.7	973	21 958	969	20 574	6.7	-3.3		
OUTSIDE CENTRAL CITIES . . . . .	915	18 791	1 426	18 246	3.0	-6.7	525	25 583	1 720	23 476	9.0	-1.3		
UNDER 1,000,000 . . . . .	1 768	12 861	738	11 999	7.2	-2.9	779	21 788	1 048	20 256	7.6	-2.5		
INSIDE CENTRAL CITIES . . . . .	1 248	12 058	718	11 521	4.7	-5.2	529	20 421	1 476	19 596	4.2	-5.6		
OUTSIDE CENTRAL CITIES . . . . .	520	16 047	1 793	13 202	21.5	10.1	250	24 327	1 736	21 329	14.1	3.3		
OUTSIDE METROPOLITAN AREAS . . .	1 480	10 965	654	10 297	6.9	-3.1	579	18 054	1 121	15 582	15.9	5.0		

<sup>1</sup>EXCLUDES FAMILIES WITH MEMBERS WHO ARE IN THE ARMED FORCES.

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 (FAMILIES AS OF MARCH OF THE FOLLOWING YEAR. AN ASTERISK (\*) PRECEDING PERCENT CHANGE INDICATES STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT CHANGE AT THE 95-PERCENT CONFIDENCE LEVEL. FOR MEANING OF SYMBOLS, SEE TEXT)

SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS	ALL FAMILIES						HOUSEHOLDER YEAR-ROUND FULL-TIME WORKER					
	1981			1980	PERCENT CHANGE (MEDIAN INCOME)		1981			1980	PERCENT CHANGE (MEDIAN INCOME)	
	NUMBER (THOUS.)	MEDIAN INCOME (DOL.)	STANDARD ERROR (DOL.)	MEDIAN INCOME (DOL.)	IN CURRENT DOLLARS	IN 1981 DOLLARS	NUMBER (THOUS.)	MEDIAN INCOME (DOL.)	STANDARD ERROR (DOL.)	MEDIAN INCOME (DOL.)	IN CURRENT DOLLARS	IN 1981 DOLLARS
<u>BLACK--CONTINUED</u>												
REGION												
NORTHEAST . . . . .	1 175	13 248	661	13 189	0.4	-9.0	530	21 722	648	19 857	9.4	-0.9
NORTH CENTRAL . . . . .	1 281	14 837	787	14 044	5.6	-4.3	530	23 783	728	23 011	3.4	-6.4
SOUTH . . . . .	3 312	12 283	323	11 629	5.6	-4.3	1 490	19 921	596	18 322	8.7	-1.5
WEST . . . . .	644	16 592	1 318	17 135	-3.2	-12.3	306	25 932	830	24 096	7.0	-2.5
TYPE OF FAMILY												
MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES . . . . .	3 535	19 624	364	18 593	*5.5	**-4.4	1 932	25 890	465	24 059	*7.6	-2.5
WIFE IN PAID LABOR FORCE . . . . .	2 114	25 040	493	22 795	49.8	-0.5	1 390	28 572	503	26 432	*8.1	-2.1
WIFE NOT IN PAID LABOR FORCE . . . . .	1 421	12 341	419	12 419	-0.6	**-10.0	542	18 803	826	18 799	-	-9.4
MALE HOUSEHOLDER, NO WIFE PRESENT . . . . .	273	14 489	1 520	12 557	15.4	4.5	146	22 668	1 336	17 425	*30.1	17.9
FEMALE HLDLR, NO HUSBAND PRESENT . . . . .	2 605	7 506	227	7 425	1.1	**-8.4	778	13 380	471	13 214	1.3	*-8.3
NUMBER OF EARNERS <sup>1</sup>												
TOTAL . . . . .	6 328	13 221	311	12 662	4.4	**-5.4	2 845	21 697	383	20 059	*8.2	-2.0
NO EARNERS . . . . .	1 312	4 890	140	4 604	5.3	-0.6	-	(8)	(B)	(B)	(X)	(X)
1 EARNER . . . . .	2 190	10 968	221	10 271	*6.8	-3.2	969	13 269	361	13 015	2.0	*-7.6
2 EARNERS . . . . .	2 107	22 649	460	20 360	*11.2	0.8	1 393	25 756	472	23 043	*11.8	1.3
3 EARNERS . . . . .	482	25 407	1 366	23 835	6.6	-3.4	327	28 117	1 296	25 893	8.6	-1.6
4 EARNERS OR MORE . . . . .	238	32 319	1 854	30 985	4.3	-5.5	156	36 629	1 763	34 982	4.7	-5.1
<u>SPANISH ORIGIN<sup>2</sup></u>												
ALL FAMILIES . . . . .	3 305	16 402	422	14 717	*11.4	1.0	1 816	21 316	487	20 022	*6.5	-3.5
TYPE OF RESIDENCE												
NONFARM . . . . .	3 280	16 437	425	14 740	*11.5	1.0	1 795	21 415	488	20 106	*6.5	-3.5
FARM . . . . .	25	(B)	(B)	(B)	(X)	(X)	20	(B)	(B)	(B)	(X)	(X)
INSIDE METROPOLITAN AREAS . . . . .	2 827	16 624	671	14 904	*11.5	-1.1	1 566	21 715	765	20 358	6.7	-3.4
1,000,000 OR MORE . . . . .	1 896	16 397	805	14 907	10.0	-0.3	1 048	21 601	920	20 110	7.4	-2.7
INSIDE CENTRAL CITIES . . . . .	1 039	14 422	1 114	12 418	16.1	5.2	542	19 532	1 347	18 067	8.1	-2.1
OUTSIDE CENTRAL CITIES . . . . .	857	19 473	1 572	18 083	7.7	-2.4	506	23 775	1 555	22 071	7.7	-2.4
UNDER 1,000,000 . . . . .	931	17 112	1 199	14 900	14.8	4.1	517	21 961	1 701	20 931	6.9	-4.9
INSIDE CENTRAL CITIES . . . . .	600	16 990	1 661	14 856	14.4	3.6	342	21 620	1 934	20 727	4.3	-5.5
OUTSIDE CENTRAL CITIES . . . . .	331	17 265	1 734	14 977	15.3	4.4	175	22 900	3 069	21 272	7.7	-2.5
OUTSIDE METROPOLITAN AREAS . . . . .	478	15 368	1 386	13 866	10.8	0.4	250	19 294	1 544	18 637	3.5	-6.2
REGION												
NORTHEAST . . . . .	624	13 264	853	11 724	*13.1	2.5	281	20 738	900	19 295	7.5	-2.6
NORTH CENTRAL . . . . .	246	18 647	1 511	16 107	15.8	4.9	132	23 536	1 391	19 346	*21.7	10.2
SOUTH . . . . .	1 127	16 475	644	14 642	*12.5	1.9	701	20 798	669	19 789	5.1	-4.8
WEST . . . . .	1 308	17 318	548	15 585	*11.1	0.7	702	21 731	699	20 687	5.0	-4.8
TYPE OF FAMILY												
MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES . . . . .	2 414	19 329	520	17 361	*11.3	0.9	1 537	22 298	579	21 045	*6.0	-4.0
WIFE IN PAID LABOR FORCE . . . . .	1 162	23 641	706	21 649	*9.2	-1.1	801	26 259	833	24 106	*8.9	-1.3
WIFE NOT IN PAID LABOR FORCE . . . . .	1 252	15 551	527	14 050	*10.7	0.3	736	18 635	864	17 802	4.7	-5.2
MALE HOUSEHOLDER, NO WIFE PRESENT . . . . .	142	14 793	1 376	13 302	11.2	0.8	79	18 469	2 221	17 669	4.9	-5.3
FEMALE HLDLR, NO HUSBAND PRESENT . . . . .	750	7 586	522	7 031	7.9	-2.2	200	15 892	1 374	13 337	*19.2	8.0
NUMBER OF EARNERS <sup>1</sup>												
TOTAL . . . . .	3 281	16 412	434	14 797	*10.9	0.5	1 816	21 316	487	20 024	*6.5	-3.6
NO EARNERS . . . . .	448	5 368	332	5 027	6.8	-3.3	-	(8)	(B)	(B)	(X)	(X)
1 EARNER . . . . .	1 111	12 586	554	11 540	*9.1	-1.2	690	15 784	612	14 582	8.2	-1.9
2 EARNERS . . . . .	1 249	20 982	586	18 872	*11.2	0.7	840	23 257	872	21 394	*8.7	-1.5
3 EARNERS . . . . .	308	25 695	1 622	24 581	4.5	-5.3	219	27 885	1 807	27 503	1.4	-8.1
4 EARNERS OR MORE . . . . .	165	35 881	2 016	32 031	*12.0	1.5	117	39 025	2 498	35 419	10.2	-0.2

<sup>1</sup>EXCLUDES FAMILIES WITH MEMBERS WHO ARE IN THE ARMED FORCES.

<sup>2</sup>PERSONS OF SPANISH ORIGIN MAY BE OF ANY RACE.





**Table 4. Number of Families and Unrelated Individuals, Income at Selected Positions, and Percentage Share of Aggregate Income in 1981 Received by Each Fifth and Top 5 Percent of Families and Unrelated Individuals, by Race of Householder and Region**

(FAMILIES AND UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS AS OF MARCH 1982)

RACE OF HOUSEHOLDER AND REGION	NUMBER (THOUS.)	INCOME AT SELECTED POSITIONS (DOLLARS)					PERCENT DISTRIBUTION OF AGGREGATE INCOME					MEAN INCOME (DOL.)									
		UPPER LIMIT OF EACH FIFTH				TOP 5 PERCENT	LOWEST FIFTH	SECOND FIFTH	THIRD FIFTH	FOURTH FIFTH	HIGHEST FIFTH										
		LOWEST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH																
<b>FAMILIES</b>																					
<b>RACE OF HOUSEHOLDER</b>																					
TOTAL . . . . .	61 019	10 918	18 552	26 528	37 457	58 554	5.0	11.3	17.4	24.4	41.9	15.4									
WHITE . . . . .	53 269	11 994	19 782	27 606	38 524	60 050	5.4	11.7	17.5	24.2	41.2	15.1									
BLACK AND OTHER RACES . . . . .	7 750	6 072	11 296	18 523	28 738	45 608	4.0	9.4	16.0	25.5	45.1	16.0									
BLACK . . . . .	6 413	5 616	10 314	17 000	26 608	41 755	4.1	9.4	16.0	25.7	44.6	15.3									
<b>REGION</b>																					
NORTHEAST . . . . .	12 924	11 908	19 920	27 562	38 702	59 050	5.3	11.9	17.7	24.5	40.5	14.3									
NORTH CENTRAL . . . . .	15 718	11 516	19 400	27 166	37 508	55 820	5.3	11.8	17.9	24.6	40.4	14.6									
SOUTH . . . . .	20 959	9 704	16 620	24 538	35 100	57 892	4.7	10.7	16.9	24.1	43.7	16.8									
WEST . . . . .	11 417	11 700	19 722	28 231	40 300	62 400	5.1	11.3	17.3	24.5	41.7	14.9									
<b>UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS</b>																					
<b>RACE</b>																					
TOTAL . . . . .	27 714	4 005	6 970	11 500	18 242	30 387	3.8	8.9	15.2	24.2	47.9	18.8									
WHITE . . . . .	23 913	4 320	7 365	12 000	19 000	31 100	4.0	9.1	15.4	24.2	47.3	18.7									
BLACK AND OTHER RACES . . . . .	3 801	3 010	4 810	8 000	14 000	26 000	3.2	8.5	14.0	24.4	50.0	19.1									
BLACK . . . . .	3 277	3 000	4 566	7 522	13 157	25 000	3.4	8.6	13.9	24.4	49.7	19.0									
<b>REGION</b>																					
NORTHEAST . . . . .	6 120	4 200	7 010	11 473	18 291	30 300	4.2	9.1	15.2	23.4	47.6	18.7									
NORTH CENTRAL . . . . .	6 737	4 100	6 956	11 158	18 050	29 200	3.9	9.2	15.2	24.2	47.4	18.5									
SOUTH . . . . .	8 404	3 408	6 236	10 613	17 000	30 000	3.6	8.4	14.8	24.0	49.1	19.8									
WEST . . . . .	6 453	4 763	7 900	13 000	20 200	32 173	3.8	9.2	15.6	24.9	46.5	17.8									

**Table 5. Race and Farm-Nonfarm Residence—Families and Unrelated Individuals, by Total Money Income in 1981**

(NUMBERS IN THOUSANDS. FAMILIES AND UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS AS OF MARCH 1982. FOR MEANING OF SYMBOLS, SEE TEXT)

TOTAL MONEY INCOME	FAMILIES					UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS					FARM	
	TOTAL		NONFARM	FARM	TOTAL	ALL RACES	WHITE	BLACK	NONFARM			
	ALL RACES	WHITE										
<b>TOTAL</b>												
TOTAL . . . . .	61 019	53 269	6 413	50 421	1 598	27 714	23 913	3 277	27 461	253		
UNDER \$2,500 . . . . .	1 286	920	333	1 136	150	2 477	1 867	530	2 431	45		
\$2,500 TO \$4,999 . . . . .	2 263	1 479	736	2 195	69	5 096	4 152	878	5 037	59		
\$5,000 TO \$7,499 . . . . .	3 356	2 495	785	3 255	101	4 278	3 638	547	4 246	33		
\$7,500 TO \$9,999 . . . . .	3 647	2 957	604	3 535	112	2 969	2 633	287	2 939	30		
\$10,000 TO \$12,499 . . . . .	4 310	3 574	611	4 181	129	2 909	2 548	306	2 889	20		
\$12,500 TO \$14,999 . . . . .	3 954	3 433	449	3 799	155	2 091	1 811	198	2 035	6		
\$15,000 TO \$17,499 . . . . .	4 024	3 521	414	3 924	100	1 893	1 673	182	1 876	17		
\$17,500 TO \$19,999 . . . . .	3 637	3 183	382	3 539	98	1 264	1 171	74	1 257	7		
\$20,000 TO \$22,499 . . . . .	4 222	3 812	340	4 075	147	1 249	1 145	77	1 242	7		
\$22,500 TO \$24,999 . . . . .	3 445	3 099	277	3 375	70	772	728	28	767	5		
\$25,000 TO \$27,499 . . . . .	3 710	3 357	275	3 627	83	807	735	59	798	9		
\$27,500 TO \$29,999 . . . . .	3 098	2 778	250	3 052	45	475	422	36	471	3		
\$30,000 TO \$32,499 . . . . .	3 152	2 912	179	3 079	73	375	347	27	374	1		
\$32,500 TO \$34,999 . . . . .	2 384	2 197	132	2 343	41	206	193	10	204	2		
\$35,000 TO \$37,499 . . . . .	2 351	2 147	160	2 323	28	185	166	15	185	-		
\$37,500 TO \$39,999 . . . . .	1 783	1 651	97	1 754	28	120	114	2	120	-		
\$40,000 TO \$44,999 . . . . .	2 885	2 663	136	2 839	46	176	172	4	173	3		
\$45,000 TO \$49,999 . . . . .	2 061	1 923	117	2 047	33	90	86	5	88	2		
\$50,000 TO \$59,999 . . . . .	2 632	2 488	92	2 576	54	120	110	6	120	-		
\$60,000 TO \$74,999 . . . . .	1 498	1 420	37	1 476	20	118	107	6	116	3		
\$75,000 AND OVER . . . . .	1 302	1 260	8	1 286	16	94	94	-	94	-		
MEDIAN INCOME . . . . . DOLLARS . . . . .	22 388	23 517	13 267	22 554	17 082	9 189	9 683	6 054	9 215	6 698		
STANDARD ERROR . . . . . DOLLARS . . . . .	96	122	305	113	894	92	96	179	92	1 100		
MEAN INCOME . . . . . DOLLARS . . . . .	25 838	26 934	16 696	25 998	19 867	11 987	12 485	8 438	12 004	10 114		
STANDARD ERROR . . . . . DOLLARS . . . . .	99	108	221	101	758	89	99	190	90	1 328		
<b>HOUSEHOLDER YEAR-ROUND FULL-TIME WORKER</b>												
PERCENT OF TOTAL EXCLUDING ARMED FORCES . . . . . DOLLARS . . . . .	57.6	59.1	45.0	57.2	71.3	38.2	38.7	34.3	38.2	32.8		
MEDIAN INCOME . . . . . DOLLARS . . . . .	28 680	29 361	21 663	29 003	18 306	16 324	16 747	12 933	16 349	10 799		
STANDARD ERROR . . . . . DOLLARS . . . . .	139	188	380	139	1 206	130	141	396	130	3 140		
MEAN INCOME . . . . . DOLLARS . . . . .	31 985	32 706	23 796	32 366	20 739	18 655	19 104	14 771	18 700	12 995		
STANDARD ERROR . . . . . DOLLARS . . . . .	135	144	334	136	924	159	175	352	160	2 157		

**Table 6. Age of Householder—Families and Unrelated Individuals, by Total Money Income in 1981**

(NUMBERS IN THOUSANDS. FAMILIES AND UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS AS OF MARCH 1982)

TOTAL MONEY INCOME	TOTAL	AGE OF HOUSEHOLDER (YEARS)					
		15 TO 24		25 TO 34	35 TO 44	45 TO 54	65 AND OVER
		TOTAL	18 TO 24				
<b>FAMILIES</b>							
TOTAL							
UNDER \$2,500 . . . . .	61 019	3 621	3 606	14 449	13 083	10 710	9 752
\$2,500 TO \$4,999 . . . . .	1 286	210	206	385	231	177	177
\$5,000 TO \$7,499 . . . . .	2 263	332	329	644	344	269	235
\$7,500 TO \$9,999 . . . . .	3 356	321	319	735	456	360	400
\$10,000 TO \$12,499 . . . . .	3 647	334	334	777	542	361	475
\$12,500 TO \$14,999 . . . . .	4 310	394	393	1 005	649	444	568
\$15,000 TO \$17,499 . . . . .	3 954	367	365	962	644	432	530
\$17,500 TO \$19,999 . . . . .	4 024	352	349	1 045	711	484	614
\$20,000 TO \$22,499 . . . . .	3 637	237	237	933	734	486	606
\$22,500 TO \$24,999 . . . . .	4 222	262	261	1 239	890	645	660
TOTAL . . . . .	3 445	208	208	962	631	542	507
\$25,000 TO \$27,499 . . . . .	3 710	181	181	1 034	865	685	551
\$27,500 TO \$29,999 . . . . .	3 098	124	124	872	728	587	483
\$30,000 TO \$32,499 . . . . .	3 152	74	74	861	901	614	303
\$32,500 TO \$34,999 . . . . .	2 384	60	60	587	670	478	223
\$35,000 TO \$37,499 . . . . .	2 351	44	44	614	498	444	181
\$37,500 TO \$39,999 . . . . .	1 783	34	34	587	670	520	365
\$40,000 TO \$44,999 . . . . .	2 885	31	31	360	487	477	314
\$45,000 TO \$49,999 . . . . .	2 081	20	20	591	788	766	536
\$50,000 TO \$59,999 . . . . .	2 632	21	21	313	573	625	406
\$60,000 TO \$74,999 . . . . .	1 498	12	12	324	714	828	569
\$75,000 AND OVER . . . . .	1 302	2	2	150	369	449	370
MEDIAN INCOME . . . . . DOLLARS.	22 388	13 996	14 014	21 492	26 477	29 225	25 168
STANDARD ERROR . . . . . DOLLARS.	96	269	270	159	217	289	14 335
MEAN INCOME . . . . . DOLLARS.	25 838	15 528	15 558	22 855	29 114	32 070	272
STANDARD ERROR . . . . . DOLLARS.	99	229	229	155	218	259	29
29 492	29 259	29 290	29 290	29 290	29 290	29 290	220
<b>HOUSEHOLDER YEAR-ROUND FULL-TIME WORKER</b>							
<b>PERCENT OF TOTAL EXCLUDING ARMED FORCES</b>							
MEDIAN INCOME . . . . . DOLLARS.	57.6	49.8	49.9	67.3	73.6	72.2	56.6
STANDARD ERROR . . . . . DOLLARS.	28 680	18 746	18 751	25 324	30 098	33 578	31 804
MEAN INCOME . . . . . DOLLARS.	139	446	446	192	231	351	357
STANDARD ERROR . . . . . DOLLARS.	31 985	19 870	19 873	26 729	32 959	36 587	36 364
19 873	19 873	19 873	26 729	32 959	36 587	36 364	34 810
19 873	19 873	19 873	26 729	32 959	36 587	36 364	1 257
<b>UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS</b>							
TOTAL							
UNDER \$2,000 . . . . .	27 714	4 495	4 340	6 686	2 802	2 166	3 431
\$2,000 TO \$2,999 . . . . .	1 917	708	595	432	187	171	201
\$3,000 TO \$3,999 . . . . .	1 127	263	245	134	89	114	148
\$4,000 TO \$4,999 . . . . .	2 394	231	224	171	98	129	359
\$5,000 TO \$5,999 . . . . .	2 134	284	275	194	56	80	1 407
\$6,000 TO \$6,999 . . . . .	1 958	267	264	226	87	72	263
\$7,000 TO \$7,999 . . . . .	1 591	300	300	257	88	75	1 042
\$8,000 TO \$8,999 . . . . .	1 353	280	280	253	82	87	197
\$9,000 TO \$9,999 . . . . .	1 227	243	243	269	79	89	155
\$9,000 TO \$9,999 . . . . .	1 118	259	259	219	67	77	115
\$10,000 TO \$12,499 . . . . .	2 909	591	586	850	271	240	322
\$12,500 TO \$14,999 . . . . .	2 041	375	375	696	213	196	239
\$15,000 TO \$17,499 . . . . .	1 893	308	308	730	248	166	193
\$17,500 TO \$19,999 . . . . .	1 264	98	98	499	190	141	247
\$20,000 TO \$24,999 . . . . .	2 020	175	175	865	364	186	166
\$25,000 TO \$29,999 . . . . .	1 262	75	75	463	302	145	249
\$30,000 TO \$34,999 . . . . .	581	21	21	204	132	85	172
\$35,000 TO \$49,999 . . . . .	571	13	13	148	157	101	87
\$50,000 AND OVER . . . . .	333	5	5	77	90	61	52
MEDIAN INCOME . . . . . DOLLARS.	9 138	7 695	7 954	13 716	15 840	11 960	9 096
STANDARD ERROR . . . . . DOLLARS.	98	157	162	193	350	318	5 771
MEAN INCOME . . . . . DOLLARS.	11 987	8 617	8 874	15 008	17 711	15 483	12 169
STANDARD ERROR . . . . . DOLLARS.	89	135	137	175	340	447	252
8 617	8 874	8 874	15 008	17 711	15 483	12 169	8 387
8 874	8 874	8 874	15 008	17 711	15 483	12 169	1 136
<b>YEAR-ROUND FULL-TIME WORKERS</b>							
<b>PERCENT OF TOTAL EXCLUDING ARMED FORCES</b>							
MEDIAN INCOME . . . . . DOLLARS.	38.2	38.5	39.8	62.3	66.0	56.8	39.0
STANDARD ERROR . . . . . DOLLARS.	16 324	11 980	11 986	17 116	19 979	17 352	15 812
MEAN INCOME . . . . . DOLLARS.	130	170	171	185	393	468	452
STANDARD ERROR . . . . . DOLLARS.	18 655	13 110	13 116	18 695	22 081	21 068	18 446
13 116	18 695	18 695	22 081	21 068	18 446	19 708	1 417
18 695	18 695	18 695	22 081	21 068	18 446	444	



**Table 7. Selected Characteristics of Persons—Number With Income and Median Income in 1981 and 1980 of All Persons 15 Years Old and Over and Persons Working Year Round Full Time, by Sex—Continued**

(PERSONS 15 YEARS OLD AND OVER AS OF MARCH OF THE FOLLOWING YEAR. AN ASTERISK (\*) PRECEDING PERCENT CHANGE INDICATES STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT CHANGE AT THE 95-PERCENT CONFIDENCE LEVEL. FOR MEANING OF SYMBOLS, SEE TEXT)

SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS	ALL PERSONS						YEAR-ROUND FULL-TIME WORKERS					
	1981			1980	PERCENT CHANGE (MEDIAN INCOME)		1981			1980	PERCENT CHANGE (MEDIAN INCOME)	
	NUMBER WITH INCOME (THOUS.)	MEDIAN INCOME (DOL.)	STANDARD ERROR (DOL.)	MEDIAN INCOME (DOL.)	IN CURRENT DOLLARS	IN 1981 DOLLARS	NUMBER WITH INCOME (THOUS.)	MEDIAN INCOME (DOL.)	STANDARD ERROR (DOL.)	MEDIAN INCOME (DOL.)	IN CURRENT DOLLARS	IN 1981 DOLLARS
FEMALE												
ALL FEMALES . . . . .	82 139	5 458	39	4 920	*10.9	0.5	23 428	12 457	57	11 591	*7.5	*-2.6
AREA, RACE, AND SPANISH ORIGIN <sup>1</sup>												
UNITED STATES: ALL RACES . . . . .	82 139	5 458	39	4 920	*10.9	0.5	23 428	12 457	57	11 591	*7.5	*-2.6
WHITE . . . . .	73 566	5 519	42	4 947	*11.6	1.1	20 059	12 665	90	11 703	*8.2	*-2.0
BLACK . . . . .	8 829	4 903	103	4 580	*7.1	-3.0	2 737	11 438	163	10 915	*4.8	*-5.1
NORTHEAST: ALL RACES . . . . .	18 787	5 060	190	4 405	*14.9	4.1	1 129	10 917	287	9 887	*10.4	-
WHITE . . . . .	16 390	5 502	82	4 942	*11.4	0.9	5 128	12 745	171	11 830	*7.7	-2.4
BLACK . . . . .	1 611	5 431	219	4 846	*12.1	1.5	532	12 429	353	11 898	4.5	*5.4
NORTH CENTRAL: ALL RACES . . . . .	711	5 058	271	4 825	4.8	-5.0	177	10 991	519	10 895	0.9	*5.6
WHITE . . . . .	21 241	5 262	61	4 788	*9.9	-0.4	5 529	12 478	137	11 630	*7.3	*-2.8
BLACK . . . . .	19 365	5 252	85	4 786	*9.7	-0.6	5 095	12 514	150	11 650	*7.4	*-2.7
SPANISH ORIGIN . . . . .	1 709	5 333	251	4 680	9.3	-1.0	489	12 067	410	11 861	5.3	*-4.6
SOUTH: ALL RACES . . . . .	259	5 207	629	4 536	14.8	4.0	84	10 488	798	10 556	-0.6	-10.0
WHITE . . . . .	27 071	5 217	77	4 753	*9.8	-0.6	8 242	11 772	93	10 851	*8.5	-1.7
BLACK . . . . .	22 073	5 494	86	4 911	*11.9	1.4	6 695	12 068	103	11 109	*8.6	-1.6
SPANISH ORIGIN . . . . .	4 681	4 042	130	3 996	1.2	*-8.4	1 437	10 449	225	9 697	*7.8	*-2.4
WEST: ALL RACES . . . . .	1 256	4 492	351	3 677	*22.2	10.7	429	10 353	403	8 470	*22.2	*10.7
WHITE . . . . .	15 644	5 974	85	5 390	*10.8	0.4	4 429	14 034	184	12 578	*11.6	1.1
BLACK . . . . .	13 788	5 891	82	5 277	*11.6	1.1	3 765	14 266	209	12 736	*12.0	1.5
SPANISH ORIGIN . . . . .	828	7 063	359	5 926	*19.2	8.0	279	13 352	519	12 623	5.8	*4.2
RELATIONSHIP TO FAMILY												
HOUSEHOLDER												
IN FAMILIES . . . . .	66 758	4 900	41	4 421	*10.8	0.4	18 719	12 184	60	11 374	*7.1	*-2.9
HOUSEHOLDER . . . . .	11 139	7 478	117	6 883	*8.6	-1.6	4 027	13 527	191	12 669	*6.8	-3.3
HUSBAND PRESENT . . . . .	1 931	7 691	280	6 597	*16.6	5.6	692	13 719	368	13 091	4.8	*-5.1
NO HUSBAND PRESENT . . . . .	9 208	7 433	129	6 944	*7.0	-3.0	3 335	13 675	221	12 599	*7.0	*-3.1
WIFE OF HOUSEHOLDER . . . . .	42 093	5 040	62	4 466	*12.9	2.2	12 175	12 292	73	11 418	*7.7	*-2.5
OTHER RELATIVE OF HOUSEHOLDER . . . . .	13 526	3 213	51	2 875	*11.8	1.3	2 517	10 233	151	9 390	*9.0	-1.3
IN UNRELATED SUBFAMILIES . . . . .	345	5 406	944	5 707	-5.3	-14.2	103	12 612	793	12 074	2.8	*-6.9
UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS . . . . .	15 036	7 573	104	6 803	*11.3	0.9	4 606	14 239	194	12 524	*13.7	3.0
AGE												
15 TO 19 YEARS . . . . .	6 477	1 714	30	1 673	2.4	*-7.2	346	7 598	202	6 779	*12.1	1.5
20 TO 24 YEARS . . . . .	9 636	5 429	102	5 286	2.7	*-0.9	3 076	10 173	114	9 407	*8.1	-2.0
25 TO 34 YEARS . . . . .	17 827	7 598	101	6 973	*9.0	-1.3	7 235	13 377	127	12 190	*9.7	-0.6
35 TO 44 YEARS . . . . .	12 650	7 366	121	6 465	*13.9	3.2	5 172	13 552	187	12 239	*10.7	0.3
45 TO 54 YEARS . . . . .	10 285	7 030	133	6 403	*9.8	-0.5	4 232	12 784	210	12 116	*5.5	*-4.4
55 TO 64 YEARS . . . . .	10 558	5 375	113	4 926	*9.1	-1.1	2 992	12 903	251	11 931	*8.1	-2.0
65 YEARS AND OVER . . . . .	14 707	4 757	40	4 226	*12.6	2.0	374	14 487	693	12 342	*17.4	0.3
OCCUPATION GROUP OF LONGEST JOB <sup>2</sup> (EARNINGS)												
TOTAL WITH EARNINGS <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	51 940	7 222	52	6 624	*9.0	-1.2	23 329	12 001	50	11 197	*7.2	*-2.9
WHITE-COLLAR WORKERS . . . . .	32 795	9 235	89	8 269	*11.7	1.2	17 004	13 116	94	11 974	*9.5	*-0.8
PROFESSIONAL, TECHNICAL, AND KINDRED WORKERS . . . . .	8 382	12 590	171	11 559	*8.9	-1.3	4 719	16 508	133	15 285	*8.0	*-2.1
MANAGERS AND ADMINISTRATORS, EXCEPT FARM . . . . .	3 467	11 867	204	10 701	*10.9	0.5	2 336	14 820	267	12 936	*14.6	3.8
SALES WORKERS . . . . .	3 723	4 069	146	3 505	*16.1	5.2	1 102	11 238	264	9 748	*15.3	4.5
CLERICAL AND KINDRED WORKERS . . . . .	17 224	8 434	85	7 777	*8.4	-1.7	8 647	11 755	61	10 997	*6.9	*-3.2
CRAFT AND KINDRED WORKERS . . . . .	7 233	7 361	88	6 750	*9.1	-1.2	3 232	10 656	123	9 777	*9.0	-1.3
OPERATIVES, INCL TRANSPORT WRKS . . . . .	5 942	8 641	555	8 194	5.5	-4.5	503	12 904	553	11 701	*10.3	-0.1
LABORERS, EXCEPT FARM . . . . .	716	7 405	91	6 761	*9.5	-0.8	2 475	10 301	138	9 440	*9.1	-1.1
SERVICE WORKERS . . . . .	11 385	3 258	72	3 004	*6.5	-1.7	2 986	8 171	93	7 853	*4.0	*-8.7
PRIVATE HOUSEHOLD WORKERS . . . . .	1 557	1 355	48	1 383	-2.0	*-11.2	175	5 134	401	4 562	12.5	2.0
SERVICE WORKERS, EXCEPT PRIVATE HOUSEHOLD . . . . .	9 827	3 798	73	3 504	*8.4	-1.8	2 810	8 310	93	7 982	*4.1	*-5.7
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT												
TOTAL, 25 YEARS AND OVER . . . . .	66 026	6 081	52	5 492	*10.7	0.3	20 006	13 259	88	12 156	*9.1	-1.2
ELEMENTARY: TOTAL . . . . .	10 011	3 867	33	3 527	*9.6	-0.7	1 061	8 993	256	8 216	*9.5	-0.8
LESS THAN 8 YEARS . . . . .	5 237	3 657	40	3 321	*10.1	-0.2	530	8 419	258	7 742	*8.7	-1.5
8 YEARS . . . . .	4 774	4 225	70	3 785	*11.6	1.1	531	9 733	388	8 857	*9.8	-0.5
HIGH SCHOOL: TOTAL . . . . .	36 049	5 852	54	5 362	*9.1	-1.1	10 882	11 941	73	11 252	*6.1	*-3.9
1 TO 3 YEARS . . . . .	8 813	4 655	68	4 252	*9.5	-0.8	1 761	10 043	186	9 676	3.8	*-6.0
4 YEARS . . . . .	27 237	6 495	81	5 903	*10.0	-0.3	9 121	12 332	80	11 537	*6.9	*-3.2
COLLEGE: TOTAL . . . . .	19 966	10 128	107	9 085	*11.5	1.0	8 063	16 200	121	14 831	*9.2	-1.0
1 TO 3 YEARS . . . . .	10 196	8 257	142	7 529	*9.7	-0.6	3 812	14 343	173	12 954	*10.7	0.3
4 YEARS OR MORE . . . . .	9 769	12 085	170	11 011	*9.8	-0.6	4 292	17 795	218	16 362	*8.8	-1.5
5 YEARS OR MORE . . . . .	6 070	10 497	200	9 607	*9.3	-1.0	2 415	16 322	190	15 143	*7.8	-2.3
	3 699	15 386	272	13 940	*10.4	-	1 836	20 148	253	18 100	*11.3	0.9

<sup>1</sup>PERSONS OF SPANISH ORIGIN MAY BE OF ANY RACE.

<sup>2</sup>AMOUNTS SHOWN ARE MEDIAN EARNINGS.

<sup>3</sup>INCLUDES OTHER OCCUPATIONAL GROUPINGS, NOT SHOWN SEPARATELY.

**Table 8. Race and Farm-Nonfarm Residence—Persons 15 Years Old and Over, by Total Money Income in 1981 and Sex**

(NUMBERS IN THOUSANDS. PERSONS 15 YEARS OLD AND OVER AS OF MARCH 1982. FOR MEANING OF SYMBOLS, SEE TEXT)

TOTAL MONEY INCOME	MALE						FEMALE							
	TOTAL			NONFARM	FARM	TOTAL			NONFARM	FARM				
	ALL RACES	WHITE	BLACK			ALL RACES	WHITE	BLACK						
<b>TOTAL</b>														
TOTAL . . . . .	83 958	73 285	8 614	81 758	2 200	92 228	79 591	10 511	90 097	2 132				
WITHOUT INCOME . . . . .	4 269	2 935	1 155	4 179	90	10 089	8 025	1 682	9 768	321				
WITH INCOME . . . . .	79 688	70 351	7 459	77 579	2 110	82 139	71 566	8 829	80 329	1 810				
\$1 TO \$1,999 OR LOSS . . . . .	7 079	5 920	977	6 687	393	18 695	16 625	1 659	18 072	622				
\$2,000 TO \$2,999 . . . . .	2 814	2 281	458	2 706	107	6 589	5 537	1 211	7 361	175				
\$3,000 TO \$3,999 . . . . .	3 281	2 630	556	3 195	86	7 537	6 202	1 211	5 778	124				
\$4,000 TO \$4,999 . . . . .	3 007	2 509	421	2 897	110	5 903	5 124	592	5 032	91				
\$5,000 TO \$5,999 . . . . .	3 076	2 586	403	2 972	104	5 123	4 420	487	4 141	81				
\$6,000 TO \$6,999 . . . . .	3 048	2 595	357	2 957	91	4 223	3 656	704	5 899	106				
\$7,000 TO \$8,999 . . . . .	4 358	3 667	555	4 229	130	6 005	5 154	4 007	4 467	60				
\$8,500 TO \$9,999 . . . . .	3 831	3 315	438	3 747	84	4 526	4 200							
\$10,000 TO \$12,499 . . . . .	7 288	6 286	811	7 066	222	7 674	6 736	762	7 548	125				
\$12,500 TO \$14,999 . . . . .	5 301	4 711	476	5 179	122	4 665	4 104	459	4 582	83				
\$15,000 TO \$17,499 . . . . .	5 999	5 309	541	5 854	145	3 814	3 322	400	3 760	54				
\$17,500 TO \$19,999 . . . . .	4 467	4 082	299	4 386	81	2 330	2 091	179	2 294	36				
\$20,000 TO \$24,999 . . . . .	9 091	8 352	541	8 939	152	2 832	2 521	224	2 802	29				
\$25,000 TO \$29,999 . . . . .	6 320	5 793	401	6 194	125	1 168	1 084	65	1 151	17				
\$30,000 TO \$34,999 . . . . .	3 885	3 693	118	3 833	53	505	465	35	501	4				
\$35,000 TO \$49,999 . . . . .	4 398	4 248	82	4 333	65	397	375	17	389	8				
\$50,000 TO \$74,999 . . . . .	1 649	1 597	23	1 618	31	117	106	4	117	-				
\$75,000 AND OVER . . . . .	796	777	-	786	9	39	39	39	39	-				
MEDIAN INCOME . . . DOLLARS . . .	13 473	14 296	8 501	13 627	9 114	5 458	5 519	4 903	5 509	3 501				
STANDARD ERROR . . . DOLLARS . . .	91	97	194	92	749	38	42	103	39	231				
MEAN INCOME . . . DOLLARS . . .	16 515	17 195	10 531	16 645	11 732	7 440	7 519	6 728	7 485	5 447				
STANDARD ERROR . . . DOLLARS . . .	73	80	149	74	565	36	39	94	36	280				
<b>YEAR-ROUND FULL-TIME WORKERS</b>														
PERCENT OF CIVILIAN INCOME RECIPIENTS . . . . .	53.0	53.9	45.2	52.7	64.6	28.5	28.0	31.0	28.6	23.7				
MEDIAN INCOME . . . DOLLARS . . .	20 692	21 178	14 984	20 885	11 578	12 457	12 665	11 438	12 493	10 180				
STANDARD ERROR . . . DOLLARS . . .	77	85	273	79	499	57	89	163	67	931				
MEAN INCOME . . . DOLLARS . . .	23 219	23 875	16 071	23 549	13 446	13 870	14 079	12 327	13 940	10 092				
STANDARD ERROR . . . DOLLARS . . .	106	114	214	107	745	68	75	167	69	626				

**Table 9. Marital Status—Persons 18 Years Old and Over, by Total Money Income in 1981 and Sex**

(NUMBERS IN THOUSANDS. PERSONS 18 YEARS OLD AND OVER AS OF MARCH 1982)

TOTAL MONEY INCOME	MALE						FEMALE							
	TOTAL	SINGLE	MARRIED		WIDOWED	DIVORCED	TOTAL	SINGLE	MARRIED		WIDOWED	DIVORCED		
			WIFE PRESENT	WIFE ABSENT					HUSBAND PRESENT	HUSBAND ABSENT				
<b>TOTAL</b>														
TOTAL . . . . .	78 132	19 125	50 283	2 259	1 860	4 605	86 577	15 262	50 170	3 455	10 795	6 895		
WITHOUT INCOME . . . . .	1 959	1 415	349	66	26	103	7 558	1 191	5 773	253	159	183		
WITH INCOME . . . . .	76 172	17 710	49 934	2 193	1 834	4 502	79 018	14 071	44 397	3 202	10 635	6 712		
\$1 TO \$1,999 OR LOSS . . . . .	4 456	2 785	1 271	155	49	195	16 274	2 508	12 471	450	511	334		
\$2,000 TO \$2,999 . . . . .	2 468	1 436	729	109	60	134	6 296	1 317	3 649	309	706	314		
\$3,000 TO \$3,999 . . . . .	3 032	1 309	1 123	119	184	206	7 334	1 394	3 213	357	1 861	508		
\$4,000 TO \$4,999 . . . . .	2 892	1 143	1 278	100	196	174	5 814	1 090	2 497	286	1 547	394		
\$5,000 TO \$5,999 . . . . .	3 005	1 018	1 476	127	169	216	5 064	843	2 402	245	1 167	407		
\$6,000 TO \$6,999 . . . . .	3 015	944	1 675	99	148	146	4 199	850	1 988	200	786	376		
\$7,000 TO \$8,999 . . . . .	4 327	1 314	2 459	169	167	218	5 994	1 054	3 259	285	873	523		
\$8,500 TO \$9,999 . . . . .	3 817	977	2 405	101	124	210	4 519	843	2 347	208	650	471		
\$10,000 TO \$12,499 . . . . .	7 268	1 802	4 630	242	178	415	7 665	1 381	4 264	299	821	900		
\$12,500 TO \$14,999 . . . . .	5 299	1 015	3 720	123	127	315	4 661	814	2 593	140	460	654		
\$15,000 TO \$17,499 . . . . .	5 996	1 075	4 294	147	67	413	3 811	711	2 005	145	346	604		
\$17,500 TO \$19,999 . . . . .	4 444	574	3 442	94	61	294	2 330	380	1 208	81	282	380		
\$20,000 TO \$24,999 . . . . .	9 091	1 066	7 156	200	89	581	2 832	510	1 458	102	299	463		
\$25,000 TO \$29,999 . . . . .	6 315	565	5 098	159	74	420	1 168	206	558	48	134	222		
\$30,000 TO \$34,999 . . . . .	3 885	262	3 313	80	39	192	503	84	243	26	70	79		
\$35,000 TO \$49,999 . . . . .	4 398	209	3 769	97	65	258	397	66	171	14	80	67		
\$50,000 TO \$74,999 . . . . .	1 649	93	1 397	54	21	85	117	14	55	5	32	12		
\$75,000 AND OVER . . . . .	796	33	699	18	27	39	5	16	3	11	5			
MEDIAN INCOME . . . DOLLARS . . .	14 296	7 148	17 446	11 209	7 998	15 107	5 749	5 861	5 153	5 811	5 594	10 080		
STANDARD ERROR . . . DOLLARS . . .	89	104	94	331	265	306	38	97	60	159	61	162		
MEAN INCOME . . . DOLLARS . . .	17 208	9 713	20 141	15 202	12 533	17 053	7 684	7 752	7 044	7 750	7 973	11 283		
STANDARD ERROR . . . DOLLARS . . .	74	104	96	442	452	276	36	82	47	176	102	134		
<b>YEAR-ROUND FULL-TIME WORKERS</b>														
PERCENT OF CIVILIAN INCOME RECIPIENTS . . . . .	55.4	38.3	63.1	51.0	17.2	56.4	29.6	34.5	29.2	31.1	11.2	50.7		
MEDIAN INCOME . . . DOLLARS . . .	20 708	14 337	22 006	18 691	20 752	20 535	12 461	11 916	12 340	11 866	13 541	14 199		
STANDARD ERROR . . . DOLLARS . . .	77	210	101	754	300	292	58	115	71	263	487	197		
MEAN INCOME . . . DOLLARS . . .	23 245	16 369	24 821	22 033	24 132	22 596	13 875	13 344	13 555	13 687	15 278	15 417		
STANDARD ERROR . . . DOLLARS . . .	106	192	127	693	1 365	377	68	144	89	368	369	181		



**Table 11. Work Experience in 1981—Civilians 15 Years Old and Over, by Total Money Earnings in 1981 and Sex**

(NUMBERS IN THOUSANDS. PERSONS 15 YEARS OLD AND OVER AS OF MARCH 1982. FOR MEANING OF SYMBOLS, SEE TEXT)

TOTAL MONEY EARNINGS	WORKED LAST YEAR								
	TOTAL	WORKED AT FULL-TIME JOBS			WORKED AT PART-TIME JOBS				
		TOTAL	50 TO 52 WEEKS	27 TO 49 WEEKS	26 WEEKS OR LESS	TOTAL	50 TO 52 WEEKS	27 TO 49 WEEKS	
<b>MALE</b>									
TOTAL . . . . .	65 362	55 914	41 811	8 338	5 765	9 448	3 045	2 129	4 274
WITHOUT EARNINGS . . . . .	129	52	38	1	13	77	57	10	11
WITH EARNINGS . . . . .	65 233	55 862	41 773	8 337	5 752	9 371	2 988	2 119	4 263
\$1 TO \$1,999 OR LOSS . . . . .	7 363	2 943	806	205	1 932	4 420	618	545	3 257
\$2,000 TO \$2,999. . . . .	2 314	1 221	225	180	816	1 093	322	349	422
\$3,000 TO \$3,999. . . . .	2 155	1 173	198	284	690	982	419	316	246
\$4,000 TO \$4,999. . . . .	1 721	1 098	267	341	490	623	309	221	92
\$5,000 TO \$5,999. . . . .	1 914	1 361	441	522	307	554	298	160	96
\$6,000 TO \$6,999. . . . .	1 821	1 505	696	528	280	316	180	106	29
\$7,000 TO \$8,999. . . . .	2 898	2 552	1 357	673	323	306	177	94	34
\$8,500 TO \$9,999. . . . .	2 356	2 166	1 356	662	148	190	122	59	9
\$10,000 TO \$12,499. . . . .	5 903	5 641	4 261	1 084	296	263	143	92	28
\$12,500 TO \$14,999. . . . .	4 082	3 955	3 177	658	120	127	83	41	4
\$15,000 TO \$17,499. . . . .	5 312	5 172	4 296	759	117	140	78	44	18
\$17,500 TO \$19,999. . . . .	3 872	3 813	3 285	495	32	59	34	16	9
\$20,000 TO \$24,999. . . . .	8 485	8 367	7 432	876	60	117	67	46	4
\$25,000 TO \$29,999. . . . .	5 780	5 719	5 227	467	24	61	46	9	5
\$30,000 TO \$34,999. . . . .	3 457	3 428	3 227	181	21	29	16	7	6
\$35,000 TO \$49,999. . . . .	3 746	3 710	3 551	154	5	36	32	2	2
\$50,000 TO \$74,999. . . . .	1 425	1 393	1 347	45	1	32	23	7	2
\$75,000 AND OVER. . . . .	669	646	625	22	-	23	18	4	1
MEDIAN EARNINGS . . DOLLARS. .	15 061	17 087	20 260	11 320	3 185	2 242	4 434	3 523	1 309
STANDARD ERROR. . DOLLARS. .	86	78	71	145	75	61	121	100	28
MEAN EARNINGS . . DOLLARS. .	16 920	19 066	22 196	13 413	4 526	4 128	7 071	5 160	1 552
STANDARD ERROR. . DOLLARS. .	79	84	98	146	68	108	271	205	64
<b>FEMALE</b>									
TOTAL . . . . .	52 504	34 906	23 488	6 101	5 317	17 598	6 258	4 581	6 759
WITHOUT EARNINGS . . . . .	564	233	159	31	42	331	185	51	96
WITH EARNINGS . . . . .	51 940	34 674	23 329	6 070	5 275	17 267	6 074	4 530	6 663
\$1 TO \$1,999 OR LOSS. . . . .	10 661	2 943	361	248	2 334	7 718	974	1 279	5 464
\$2,000 TO \$2,999. . . . .	3 353	1 292	176	207	909	2 061	612	849	600
\$3,000 TO \$3,999. . . . .	3 229	1 373	263	440	670	1 856	798	783	275
\$4,000 TO \$4,999. . . . .	2 782	1 384	331	594	459	1 397	740	530	127
\$5,000 TO \$5,999. . . . .	2 701	1 577	640	664	272	1 124	700	349	74
\$6,000 TO \$6,999. . . . .	2 571	1 741	961	594	186	830	559	230	42
\$7,000 TO \$8,499. . . . .	4 552	3 687	2 571	950	167	864	625	209	30
\$8,500 TO \$9,999. . . . .	3 176	2 777	2 165	532	80	399	286	103	10
\$10,000 TO \$12,499. . . . .	6 671	6 128	5 241	788	98	544	418	103	23
\$12,500 TO \$14,999. . . . .	3 524	3 354	2 945	370	39	169	123	38	8
\$15,000 TO \$17,499. . . . .	3 322	3 173	2 671	277	25	150	125	23	2
\$17,500 TO \$19,999. . . . .	1 818	1 749	1 598	142	9	69	49	18	2
\$20,000 TO \$24,999. . . . .	2 219	2 184	1 983	186	15	36	32	2	1
\$25,000 TO \$29,999. . . . .	833	805	751	47	7	28	19	6	3
\$30,000 TO \$34,999. . . . .	289	279	260	15	3	10	4	4	2
\$35,000 TO \$49,999. . . . .	176	167	159	8	-	9	8	2	-
\$50,000 TO \$74,999. . . . .	43	40	32	5	2	3	2	1	-
\$75,000 AND OVER. . . . .	22	22	21	2	-	-	-	-	-
MEDIAN EARNINGS . . DOLLARS. .	7 222	10 230	12 001	7 454	2 334	2 444	4 882	3 174	1 220
STANDARD ERROR. . DOLLARS. .	52	52	50	84	55	44	72	59	20
MEAN EARNINGS . . DOLLARS. .	8 300	10 766	13 112	8 463	3 039	3 349	5 476	3 731	1 149
STANDARD ERROR. . DOLLARS. .	44	54	62	99	65	39	77	67	29

**Table 12. Total Money Income in 1960, 1965, and 1970 to 1981—Persons 14 Years Old and Over, by Sex**  
 (IN CURRENT DOLLARS. PERSONS AS OF MARCH OF THE FOLLOWING YEAR. FOR MEANING OF SYMBOLS, SEE TEXT)

TOTAL MONEY INCOME	1981	1980	1979	1978	1977	1976	1975	1974 <sup>a</sup>	1973	1972	1971	1970	1965	1960
<b>BOTH SEXES</b>														
<b>TOTAL</b>														
NUMBER OF PERSONS . . . THOUSANDS. .														
NUMBER OF PERSONS WITH INCOME. . . . . THOUSANDS. .	176 186	174 082	168 198	169 586	167 262	164 935	162 542	159 962	157 284	154 468	152 034	148 241	135 620	125 641
PERCENT WITH INCOME	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
\$1 TO \$999 OR LOSS . . . . .	8.0	8.5	9.4	11.2	10.6	11.3	11.8	13.0	14.1	15.2	16.6	18.0	23.8	27.7
\$1,000 TO \$1,999 . . . . .	8.0	8.5	9.4	7.7	8.5	9.3	9.8	10.6	11.5	12.2	12.7	13.1	13.7	14.2
\$2,000 TO \$3,999 . . . . .	12.5	13.4	14.4	15.9	16.6	17.0	17.5	17.5	17.4	17.6	17.7	17.4	20.1	22.9
\$4,000 TO \$5,999 . . . . .	10.6	10.8	10.6	11.1	12.1	12.4	12.9	13.0	13.2	13.5	14.2	14.1	16.7	18.6
\$6,000 TO \$7,999 . . . . .	8.8	9.1	9.5	9.7	10.0	10.4	10.5	10.7	10.7	11.3	11.7	12.0	12.3	9.4
\$8,000 TO \$9,999 . . . . .	7.3	7.4	7.7	8.0	8.3	8.5	8.6	8.6	8.8	8.9	8.9	9.0	6.1	3.4
\$10,000 TO \$12,499 . . . . .	9.2	9.6	9.3	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.9	9.0	9.5	8.9	8.1	7.5	3.4	1.7
\$12,500 TO \$14,999 . . . . .	6.2	6.1	5.9	6.4	6.5	6.4	6.4	5.9	4.9	4.4	3.9	3.5	1.5	0.8
\$15,000 TO \$19,999 . . . . .	10.3	10.3	9.9	9.8	9.2	8.5	7.5	6.5	5.5	4.3	3.5	2.9	1.2	0.6
\$20,000 TO \$24,999 . . . . .	7.4	6.9	6.2	5.4	4.5	3.6	3.0	2.5	2.0	1.7	1.3	1.1	0.5	0.3
\$25,000 AND OVER . . . . .	11.9	9.6	7.6	6.0	4.9	3.9	3.0	2.7	2.3	2.0	1.5	1.3	0.5	0.4
MEDIAN INCOME <sup>b</sup> . . . . . DOLLARS. .	8 532	7 944	7 286	6 813	6 429	6 002	5 664	5 335	5 004	4 683	4 366	4 178	3 187	2 639
MEAN INCOME. . . . . DOLLARS. .	11 909	10 998	10 155	9 451	8 886	8 242	7 704	7 255	6 812	6 375	5 878	5 589	4 232	3 496
<b>YEAR-ROUND FULL-TIME WORKERS</b>														
PERCENT OF CIVILIAN INCOME RECIPIENTS.														
MEDIAN INCOME. . . . . DOLLARS. .	40.5	40.9	41.3	42.3	42.3	41.7	41.8	42.4	45.3	45.4	44.8	44.7	47.1	46.0
MEAN INCOME. . . . . DOLLARS. .	16 955	15 835	14 589	13 333	12 433	11 723	10 968	10 292	9 537	8 839	8 188	7 846	5 751	4 770
<b>MALE</b>														
<b>TOTAL</b>														
NUMBER OF PERSONS . . . THOUSANDS. .	83 958	82 949	80 218	80 969	79 863	78 782	77 560	76 363	75 040	73 572	72 469	70 592	64 630	60 359
NUMBER OF PERSONS WITH INCOME. . . . . THOUSANDS. .	79 688	78 661	76 548	75 609	74 015	72 775	71 234	70 863	69 387	67 474	66 486	65 008	59 157	55 172
PERCENT WITH INCOME	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
\$1 TO \$999 OR LOSS . . . . .	4.4	4.5	4.7	6.5	7.0	7.3	7.5	8.1	8.4	8.9	9.9	10.4	13.5	16.2
\$1,000 TO \$1,999 . . . . .	4.4	4.5	4.7	4.1	4.6	5.0	5.4	5.8	6.4	7.1	7.6	8.3	10.2	11.4
\$2,000 TO \$3,999 . . . . .	7.6	8.0	9.2	10.2	10.9	11.3	12.0	12.2	12.2	13.2	13.9	13.7	17.2	21.4
\$4,000 TO \$5,999 . . . . .	7.6	8.2	8.4	8.9	9.6	10.3	10.8	10.9	11.5	11.9	12.8	12.9	19.5	24.7
\$6,000 TO \$7,999 . . . . .	7.5	7.8	8.1	8.6	9.1	9.6	10.0	10.6	11.0	12.3	13.6	14.7	18.2	14.7
\$8,000 TO \$9,999 . . . . .	6.6	6.8	7.2	7.7	8.2	8.9	9.6	10.1	11.1	12.0	12.5	13.2	9.7	5.5
\$10,000 TO \$12,499 . . . . .	9.1	10.0	10.3	10.0	10.6	11.3	12.1	12.9	14.5	13.9	12.8	12.0	5.6	2.8
\$12,500 TO \$14,999 . . . . .	6.7	7.1	7.5	8.3	8.9	9.3	9.6	9.4	7.8	7.1	6.2	5.7	2.5	1.3
\$15,000 TO \$19,999 . . . . .	13.1	14.2	14.8	15.3	14.7	13.9	12.3	10.8	9.4	7.4	5.9	4.9	2.0	1.0
\$20,000 TO \$24,999 . . . . .	11.4	11.3	10.9	9.4	7.8	6.3	5.2	4.4	3.5	2.8	2.2	1.9	0.8	0.4
\$25,000 AND OVER . . . . .	21.4	17.5	14.1	11.0	8.6	6.8	5.4	4.7	4.0	3.4	2.5	2.3	0.9	0.6
MEDIAN INCOME <sup>b</sup> . . . . . DOLLARS. .	13 473	12 530	11 845	10 935	10 123	9 426	8 853	8 452	8 056	7 450	6 903	6 670	5 023	4 080
MEAN INCOME. . . . . DOLLARS. .	16 515	15 340	14 369	13 113	12 063	11 165	10 429	9 861	9 289	8 635	7 892	7 537	5 636	4 617
<b>YEAR-ROUND FULL-TIME WORKERS</b>														
PERCENT OF CIVILIAN INCOME RECIPIENTS.	53.0	53.8	55.2	54.9	53.7	53.2	53.0	54.4	58.0	57.4	56.4	56.6	59.8	58.3
MEDIAN INCOME. . . . . DOLLARS. .	20 692	19 172	17 514	16 062	15 070	13 859	12 934	12 162	11 468	10 538	9 631	9 184	6 598	5 435
MEAN INCOME. . . . . DOLLARS. .	23 219	21 436	19 966	18 305	16 929	15 701	14 714	13 757	12 618	11 797	10 834	10 312	7 512	6 136
<b>FEMALE</b>														
<b>TOTAL</b>														
NUMBER OF PERSONS. . . THOUSANDS. .	92 228	91 133	87 980	88 617	87 399	86 153	84 982	83 599	82 244	80 896	79 565	77 649	70 990	65 282
NUMBER OF PERSONS WITH INCOME. . . . . THOUSANDS. .	82 139	80 826	78 240	71 864	65 407	63 170	60 807	59 642	57 029	54 487	52 603	51 647	42 180	36 526
PERCENT WITH INCOME	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
\$1 TO \$999 OR LOSS . . . . .	11.4	12.4	14.0	16.3	14.6	15.9	16.9	18.8	21.1	22.9	24.9	27.5	38.4	44.4
\$1,000 TO \$1,999 . . . . .	11.4	12.4	14.0	11.4	13.0	14.2	15.0	16.3	17.7	18.5	19.2	19.2	18.6	18.4
\$2,000 TO \$3,999 . . . . .	17.2	18.6	19.5	21.8	23.0	23.6	24.0	23.9	23.6	23.2	22.6	22.1	24.2	25.0
\$4,000 TO \$5,999 . . . . .	13.4	13.3	12.7	12.5	14.9	14.8	15.4	15.4	15.3	15.5	15.9	15.7	12.9	9.8
\$6,000 TO \$7,999 . . . . .	10.0	10.3	10.9	10.9	11.0	11.2	11.2	10.8	10.4	10.0	9.2	8.6	4.0	1.8
\$8,000 TO \$9,999 . . . . .	7.9	8.2	8.4	8.4	7.9	7.3	6.7	5.8	5.0	4.4	3.8	3.8	0.4	0.3
\$10,000 TO \$12,499 . . . . .	9.3	9.1	8.5	7.6	7.0	6.0	5.3	4.4	3.5	2.9	2.2	1.8	0.4	0.1
\$12,500 TO \$14,999 . . . . .	5.7	5.1	4.4	4.2	3.8	3.0	2.6	1.8	1.3	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.2	0.1
\$15,000 TO \$19,999 . . . . .	7.5	6.4	5.0	3.9	3.0	2.4	1.8	1.3	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.1	-
\$20,000 TO \$24,999 . . . . .	3.4	2.6	1.7	1.1	0.8	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	-	-
\$25,000 AND OVER . . . . .	2.7	1.9	1.2	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	-	-
MEDIAN INCOME <sup>b</sup> . . . . . DOLLARS. .	5 458	4 920	4 354	4 068	3 941	3 576	3 385	3 082	2 796	2 599	2 408	2 237	1 521	1 261
MEAN INCOME. . . . . DOLLARS. .	7 440	6 772	6 032	5 599	5 291	4 875	4 513	4 161	3 799	3 577	3 333	3 138	2 265	1 861
<b>YEAR-ROUND FULL-TIME WORKERS</b>														
PERCENT OF CIVILIAN INCOME RECIPIENTS.	28.5	28.4	27.8	29.2	29.5	28.7	28.7	28.5	30.2	30.7	30.5	30.0	29.4	28.3
MEDIAN INCOME. . . . . DOLLARS. .	12 457	11 590	10 550	9 641	8 814	8 312	7 719	7 174	6 488	6 053	5 701	5 440	3 816	3 296
MEAN INCOME. . . . . DOLLARS. .	13 870	12 731	11 461	10 403	9 535	8 936	8 262	7 684	6 911	6 526	6 109	5 856	4 060	3 397

<sup>a</sup>BASED ON REVISED METHODOLOGY.  
 SINCE MEDIANES WERE CALCULATED USING MORE DETAILED INTERVALS THAN THOSE SHOWN ABOVE, THEY WILL NOT BE THE SAME AS THOSE CALCULATED USING THE ABOVE INTERVALS.

NOTE: BEGINNING WITH THE YEAR 1979 BASED ON PERSONS 15 YEARS OLD AND OVER, AND FOR PREVIOUS YEARS BASED ON PERSONS 14 YEARS OLD AND OVER.



**Table 14. Number, Poverty Rate, and Standard Errors—Persons, Families, and Unrelated Individuals Below the Poverty Level in 1981 and 1980**

(NUMBERS IN THOUSANDS. PERSONS, FAMILIES, AND UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS AS OF MARCH OF THE FOLLOWING YEAR. AN ASTERISK (\*) PRECEDING NUMBER AND POVERTY RATE DIFFERENCE INDICATES STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT CHANGE AT THE 95-PERCENT CONFIDENCE LEVEL)

SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS	1981		1980				DIFFERENCE-- 1981 MINUS 1980 (BASED ON NEW POVERTY DEFINITION)	
	ESTIMATE	STANDARD ERROR	BASED ON NEW POVERTY DEFINITION		BASED ON OLD POVERTY DEFINITION		ESTIMATE	STANDARD ERROR
			ESTIMATE	STANDARD ERROR	ESTIMATE	STANDARD ERROR		
<u>NUMBER BELOW POVERTY LEVEL</u>								
<u>PERSONS</u>								
ALL PERSONS . . . . .	31 822	471	29 640	456	29 272	454	*2182	486
RACE AND SPANISH ORIGIN								
WHITE . . . . .	21 553	396	20 049	383	19 699	380	*1504	444
BLACK . . . . .	9 173	224	8 555	220	8 579	220	*618	233
SPANISH ORIGIN <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	3 713	205	3 566	201	3 491	199	147	170
FAMILY STATUS								
IN FAMILIES . . . . .	24 850	422	22 936	407	22 601	405	*1914	435
HOUSEHOLDER . . . . .	6 851	128	6 301	122	6 217	93	*550	143
RELATED CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS . . . . .	12 068	256	11 209	248	11 114	247	*859	264
RELATED CHILDREN UNDER 6 YEARS . . . . .	4 422	161	4 030	154	3 986	153	*392	165
OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS . . . . .	5 931	215	5 426	205	5 270	203	*505	220
IN UNRELATED SUBFAMILIES . . . . .	482	62	448	60	444	59	34	64
RELATED CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS . . . . .	256	39	247	39	245	38	9	41
UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS . . . . .	6 490	124	6 257	121	6 227	121	233	129
MALE . . . . .	2 239	68	2 028	64	2 109	66	*211	69
FEMALE . . . . .	4 251	97	4 229	96	4 118	95	22	101
AGE								
UNDER 15 YEARS . . . . .	10 562	241	9 830	233	9 755	233	*732	249
15 TO 24 YEARS . . . . .	6 272	135	5 706	129	5 605	128	*566	139
25 TO 44 YEARS . . . . .	7 010	128	6 295	123	6 242	123	*715	132
45 TO 54 YEARS . . . . .	1 914	74	1 780	72	1 743	71	134	77
55 TO 59 YEARS . . . . .	1 060	56	1 031	55	997	54	29	58
60 TO 64 YEARS . . . . .	1 151	58	1 085	56	1 058	56	66	60
65 YEARS AND OVER . . . . .	3 853	98	3 914	98	3 871	98	-61	103
RESIDENCE								
NONFARM . . . . .	30 562	462	28 446	448	28 282	447	*2116	477
FARM . . . . .	1 260	139	1 194	135	990	104	66	144
IN METROPOLITAN AREAS . . . . .	19 347	533	18 157	518	18 021	516	*1190	551
IN CENTRAL CITIES . . . . .	11 231	413	10 674	403	10 644	403	557	428
OUTSIDE CENTRAL CITIES . . . . .	8 116	353	7 483	340	7 377	337	633	364
OUTSIDE METROPOLITAN AREAS . . . . .	12 475	434	11 483	418	11 251	413	*992	447
<u>FAMILIES</u>								
SEX, RACE AND SPANISH ORIGIN OF HOUSEHOLDER								
ALL FAMILIES . . . . .	6 851	128	6 301	122	6 217	121	*550	143
MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES . . . . .	3 394	85	3 085	81	3 032	80	*309	95
MALE HOUSEHOLDER . . . . .	3 213	83	2 938	79	2 886	78	*275	92
FEMALE HOUSEHOLDER . . . . .	180	18	146	17	146	17	34	20
MALE HOUSEHOLDER, NO WIFE PRESENT . . . . .	205	20	196	19	213	20	9	22
FEMALE HOUSEHOLDER, NO HUSBAND PRESENT . . . . .	3 252	83	3 021	80	2 972	79	*231	93
WHITE FAMILIES . . . . .	4 670	102	4 275	97	4 195	96	*395	118
MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES . . . . .	2 712	75	2 490	72	2 437	71	*222	87
MALE HOUSEHOLDER . . . . .	2 598	73	2 400	70	2 348	69	*198	85
FEMALE HOUSEHOLDER . . . . .	114	15	90	13	89	13	24	17
MALE HOUSEHOLDER, NO WIFE PRESENT . . . . .	145	17	141	16	149	17	4	20
FEMALE HOUSEHOLDER, NO HUSBAND PRESENT . . . . .	1 814	60	1 643	57	1 609	57	*171	69
BLACK FAMILIES . . . . .	1 972	63	1 825	61	1 826	61	*147	71
MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES . . . . .	543	32	469	30	474	30	*74	35
MALE HOUSEHOLDER . . . . .	483	30	418	28	422	28	65	33
FEMALE HOUSEHOLDER . . . . .	60	11	51	10	52	10	9	12
MALE HOUSEHOLDER, NO WIFE PRESENT . . . . .	52	10	43	9	52	10	9	11
FEMALE HOUSEHOLDER, NO HUSBAND PRESENT . . . . .	1 377	52	1 314	51	1 301	51	63	59
SPANISH ORIGIN FAMILIES <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	792	44	759	43	751	43	33	41
MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES . . . . .	366	30	367	30	363	30	-1	28
MALE HOUSEHOLDER . . . . .	342	29	341	29	338	29	1	28
FEMALE HOUSEHOLDER . . . . .	23	8	26	8	25	8	-3	8
MALE HOUSEHOLDER, NO WIFE PRESENT . . . . .	27	8	26	8	26	8	1	8
FEMALE HOUSEHOLDER, NO HUSBAND PRESENT . . . . .	399	31	366	30	362	30	33	29

<sup>1</sup>PERSONS OF SPANISH ORIGIN MAY BE OF ANY RACE.

**Table 14. Number, Poverty Rate, and Standard Errors—Persons, Families, and Unrelated Individuals Below the Poverty Level in 1981 and 1980—Continued**

(NUMBERS IN THOUSANDS. PERSONS, FAMILIES, AND UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS AS OF MARCH OF THE FOLLOWING YEAR. AN ASTERISK (\*) PRECEDING NUMBER AND POVERTY RATE DIFFERENCE INDICATES STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT CHANGE AT THE 95-PERCENT CONFIDENCE LEVEL)

SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS	1981		1980				DIFFERENCE-- 1981 MINUS 1980 (BASED ON NEW POVERTY DEFINITION)	
	ESTIMATE	STANDARD ERROR	BASED ON NEW POVERTY DEFINITION		BASED ON OLD POVERTY DEFINITION		ESTIMATE	STANDARD ERROR
			ESTIMATE	STANDARD ERROR	ESTIMATE	STANDARD ERROR		
<b>POVERTY RATE</b>								
<b>PERSONS</b>								
ALL PERSONS . . . . .	14.0	0.2	13.2	0.2	13.0	0.2	*0.8	0.2
RACE AND SPANISH ORIGIN								
WHITE . . . . .	11.1	0.2	10.4	0.2	10.2	0.2	*0.7	0.2
BLACK . . . . .	34.2	0.8	32.4	0.8	32.5	0.8	*1.6	0.9
SPANISH ORIGIN <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	26.5	1.3	26.2	1.3	25.7	1.3	0.3	1.1
FAMILY STATUS								
IN FAMILIES . . . . .	12.5	0.2	11.6	0.2	11.5	0.2	*0.9	0.2
HOUSEHOLDER . . . . .	11.2	0.2	10.4	0.2	10.3	0.2	*0.8	0.2
RELATED CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS . . . . .	19.5	0.5	18.0	0.4	17.9	0.4	*1.5	0.4
RELATED CHILDREN UNDER 6 YEARS . . . . .	22.0	0.7	20.5	0.7	20.3	0.7	*1.5	0.7
OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS . . . . .	7.8	0.3	7.3	0.3	7.1	0.3	0.5	0.3
IN UNRELATED SUBFAMILIES . . . . .	53.4	4.7	48.1	4.6	47.6	4.6	5.3	4.9
RELATED CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS . . . . .	59.4	5.8	55.6	5.7	55.2	5.7	5.6	6.1
UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS . . . . .	23.4	0.3	23.1	0.3	22.9	0.3	0.3	0.4
MALE . . . . .	18.1	0.5	16.7	0.5	17.4	0.5	*1.4	0.5
FEMALE . . . . .	27.7	0.5	28.2	0.5	27.4	0.5	-0.5	0.5
AGE								
UNDER 15 YEARS . . . . .	20.7	0.4	19.3	0.4	19.1	0.4	*1.4	0.5
15 TO 24 YEARS . . . . .	15.4	0.3	13.9	0.3	13.6	0.3	*1.5	0.3
25 TO 44 YEARS . . . . .	10.6	0.2	9.8	0.2	9.8	0.2	*0.8	0.2
45 TO 54 YEARS . . . . .	8.6	0.3	7.9	0.3	7.8	0.3	*0.7	0.3
55 TO 59 YEARS . . . . .	9.3	0.5	8.9	0.5	8.6	0.5	0.4	0.5
60 TO 64 YEARS . . . . .	11.1	0.5	10.7	0.5	10.4	0.5	0.4	0.6
65 YEARS AND OVER . . . . .	15.3	0.4	15.9	0.4	15.7	0.4	-0.6	0.4
RESIDENCE								
NONFARM . . . . .	13.8	0.2	13.0	0.2	12.9	0.2	*0.8	0.2
FARM . . . . .	23.0	2.2	21.2	2.1	17.5	1.7	1.8	2.3
IN METROPOLITAN AREAS . . . . .	12.6	0.3	11.9	0.3	11.9	0.3	0.7	0.4
IN CENTRAL CITIES . . . . .	18.0	0.6	17.2	0.6	17.2	0.6	0.8	0.6
OUTSIDE CENTRAL CITIES . . . . .	8.9	0.4	8.3	0.4	8.2	0.4	0.5	0.4
OUTSIDE METROPOLITAN AREAS . . . . .	17.0	0.6	15.7	0.5	15.4	0.5	*1.3	0.6
FAMILIES								
SEX, RACE AND SPANISH ORIGIN OF HOUSEHOLDER								
ALL FAMILIES . . . . .	11.2	0.2	10.4	0.2	10.3	0.2	*0.8	0.2
MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES . . . . .	6.6	0.2	6.3	0.1	6.2	0.1	*0.5	0.2
MALE HOUSEHOLDER . . . . .	6.6	0.2	6.2	0.2	6.1	0.1	*0.6	0.2
FEMALE HOUSEHOLDER . . . . .	8.6	0.8	8.0	0.9	8.0	0.9	0.6	1.0
MALE HOUSEHOLDER, NO WIFE PRESENT . . . . .	10.3	0.9	10.1	0.9	11.0	1.0	0.2	1.1
FEMALE HOUSEHOLDER, NO HUSBAND PRESENT . . . . .	34.6	0.7	33.3	0.7	32.7	0.7	1.3	0.8
WHITE FAMILIES . . . . .	8.8	0.2	8.1	0.2	8.0	0.2	*0.7	0.2
MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES . . . . .	6.0	0.2	5.6	0.1	5.4	0.1	*0.4	0.2
MALE HOUSEHOLDER . . . . .	6.0	0.2	5.5	0.2	5.4	0.1	*0.5	0.2
FEMALE HOUSEHOLDER . . . . .	6.8	0.8	5.9	0.8	5.8	0.8	0.9	1.0
MALE HOUSEHOLDER, NO WIFE PRESENT . . . . .	8.8	1.0	8.9	1.0	9.4	1.0	-0.1	1.1
FEMALE HOUSEHOLDER, NO HUSBAND PRESENT . . . . .	27.4	0.8	26.2	0.8	25.7	0.8	1.2	0.9
BLACK FAMILIES . . . . .	30.8	0.8	28.9	0.8	28.9	0.8	*1.9	0.9
MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES . . . . .	15.4	0.8	13.8	0.8	14.0	0.8	1.6	0.9
MALE HOUSEHOLDER . . . . .	15.2	0.9	13.3	0.8	13.4	0.8	1.9	1.0
FEMALE HOUSEHOLDER . . . . .	16.3	2.6	19.9	3.4	20.4	3.5	-3.6	3.5
MALE HOUSEHOLDER, NO WIFE PRESENT . . . . .	19.1	3.3	14.7	2.8	17.7	3.1	4.4	3.5
FEMALE HOUSEHOLDER, NO HUSBAND PRESENT . . . . .	52.9	1.3	49.9	1.3	49.4	1.3	3.0	1.5
SPANISH ORIGIN FAMILIES <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	24.0	1.2	23.5	1.2	23.2	1.2	0.5	1.1
MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILIES . . . . .	15.1	1.1	15.5	1.2	15.5	1.2	-0.4	1.1
MALE HOUSEHOLDER . . . . .	14.9	1.2	15.1	1.2	15.0	1.2	-0.2	1.1
FEMALE HOUSEHOLDER . . . . .	19.6	5.6	23.5	6.3	22.5	6.1	-3.9	5.7
MALE HOUSEHOLDER, NO WIFE PRESENT . . . . .	19.2	5.1	15.8	4.4	16.0	4.5	3.4	4.6
FEMALE HOUSEHOLDER, NO HUSBAND PRESENT . . . . .	53.2	2.8	51.8	2.9	51.3	2.9	1.4	2.7

<sup>1</sup>PERSONS OF SPANISH ORIGIN MAY BE OF ANY RACE.

















## **Appendix A. Definitions and Explanations**

Population coverage. This report includes the civilian noninstitutional population of the United States (the 50 States and the District of Columbia) and members of the Armed Forces living off post or with their families on post, but excludes all other members of the Armed Forces.

Money income. Income distributions and income summary measures (such as medians and means) shown in this report are limited to money income before payment of Federal, State, local, or Social Security (FICA) taxes and before any other types of deductions, such as union dues and Medicare premiums. Total money income is the sum of the amounts received from wages and salaries, self-employment income (including losses), Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, public assistance, interest, dividends, rent, royalties, estates or trusts, veterans' payments, unemployment and workers' compensations, private and government retirement and disability pensions, alimony, child support, and any other source of money income which was regularly received. Capital gains (or losses) and lump sum or one-time payments such as life insurance settlements are excluded.

Underreporting. As in most household surveys, the estimates of the number of money income recipients and the total amount of money income derived from the March CPS are somewhat less than comparable estimates derived from independent sources, such as the Bureau of Economic Analysis, Social Security Administration, and Veterans Administration. The difference between the survey estimate and the independent estimate is generally termed "underreporting." Underreporting tends to be more pronounced for income sources such as public assistance and welfare, unemployment compensation, and property income (interest, dividends, and net rental income). Estimates of income from wages and salaries tend to have less underreporting than most income types. For 1979 (the latest year for which estimates of underreporting are available), underre-

porting of total money income was about 11 percent. For further details concerning the reporting of money income, see the upcoming Current Population Reports, Series P-60, No. 132.

Poverty definition. Families and unrelated individuals are classified as being above or below the poverty level using the poverty index originated at the Social Security Administration in 1964 and revised by Federal Interagency Committees in 1969 and 1980. The poverty index is based solely on money income and does not reflect the fact that many low-income persons receive noncash benefits such as food stamps, Medicaid, and public housing. The index is based on the Department of Agriculture's 1961 economy food plan and reflects the different consumption requirements of families based on their size and composition. It was determined from the Department of Agriculture's 1955 survey of food consumption that families of three or more persons spend approximately one-third of their income on food; the poverty level for these families was, therefore, set at three times the cost of the economy food plan. For smaller families and persons living alone, the cost of the economy food plan was multiplied by factors that were slightly higher in order to compensate for the relatively larger fixed expenses of these smaller households. The poverty thresholds are updated every year to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The average poverty threshold for a family of four was \$9,287 in 1981, about 10.4 percent higher than the comparable 1980 cutoff of \$8,414. Weighted average poverty thresholds by size of family are shown in table A-1. For further details, see the upcoming Current Population Reports, Series P-60, No. 133.

Household. A household consists of all the persons who occupy a housing unit. A house, an apartment or other group of rooms, or a single room is regarded as a housing unit when it is occupied or intended for occupancy.

as separate living quarters; that is, when the occupants do not live and eat with any other persons in the structure and there is either (1) direct access from the outside or through a common hall or (2) a kitchen of cooking equipment for the exclusive use of the occupants.

A household includes the related family members and all the unrelated persons, if any, such as lodgers, foster children, wards, or employees who share the housing unit. A person living alone in a housing unit or a group of unrelated persons sharing a housing unit as partners is also counted as a household. The count of households excludes group quarters.

**Family.** The term "family" refers to a group of two or more persons related by blood, marriage, or adoption and residing together; all such persons are considered members of the same family. Thus, if the son of the householder and the son's wife are in the household, they are treated as part of the house-

holder's family. However, a lodger and his wife not related to the householder or an unrelated servant and his wife are considered as additional families, not a part of the householder's family. These unrelated sub-families are not included in the count of total families.

**Unrelated individuals.** The term "unrelated individuals" refers to persons 15 years old and over (other than inmates of institutions) who are not living with any relatives. An unrelated individual may (1) constitute a one-person household, (2) be part of a household including one or more other families or unrelated individuals, or (3) reside in group quarters (such as a rooming house). Thus, a widow living by herself or with one or more other persons not related to her, a lodger not related to the householder or to anyone else in the household, and a servant living in an employer's household with no relatives are examples of unrelated individuals.

Table A-1. Weighted Average Poverty Thresholds in 1981

Size of family unit	Threshold
1 person (unrelated individual)...	\$ 4,620
15 to 64 years.....	4,729
65 years and over.....	4,359
2 persons.....	5,917
Householder 15 to 64 years.....	6,111
Householder 65 years and over...	5,498
3 persons.....	7,250
4 persons.....	9,287
5 persons.....	11,007
6 persons.....	12,449
7 persons.....	14,110
8 persons.....	15,655
9 persons or more.....	18,572

Table A-2. Annual Average Consumer Price Index (CPI):  
1947 to 1981

		(1977 = 100)	
Year	CPI	Year	CPI
1947. . . . .	36.9	1964. . . . .	51.2
1948. . . . .	39.7	1965. . . . .	52.1
1949. . . . .	39.3	1966. . . . .	53.6
1950. . . . .	39.7	1967. . . . .	55.1
1951. . . . .	42.9	1968. . . . .	57.4
1952. . . . .	44.6	1969. . . . .	60.5
1953. . . . .	44.1	1970. . . . .	64.1
1954. . . . .	44.4	1971. . . . .	66.8
1955. . . . .	44.2	1972. . . . .	69.0
1956. . . . .	44.8	1973. . . . .	73.3
1957. . . . .	46.4	1974. . . . .	81.4
1958. . . . .	47.7	1975. . . . .	88.8
1959. . . . .	48.1	1976. . . . .	93.9
1960. . . . .	48.9	1977. . . . .	100.0
1961. . . . .	49.4	1978. . . . .	107.6
1962. . . . .	49.9	1979. . . . .	119.8
1963. . . . .	50.2	1980. . . . .	136.0
		1981. . . . .	150.1

Source: Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

## **Appendix B. Source and Reliability of the Estimates**

### **SOURCE OF DATA**

The estimates are based on data obtained annually in March of 1948 through 1982 from the Current Population Survey (CPS) conducted by the Bureau of Census and from supplementary questions to the CPS. The monthly CPS deals mainly with labor force data for the civilian noninstitutional population. Questions relating to labor force participation are asked about each member 14 years old and over in every sample household. In addition, supplementary questions are asked every March about money income and work experience for the previous year. In order to obtain more reliable data for the Spanish population, the March CPS sample was enlarged to include all households from the previous November which contained at least one sample person of Spanish origin. For this report, persons in the Armed Forces living off post or with their families on post are included.

The present CPS sample was initially selected from the 1970 census files with coverage in all 50 States and the District of Columbia. The sample is continually updated to reflect new construction. The current CPS sample is located in 629 areas comprising 1,133 counties, independent cities, and minor civil divisions in the Nation. In this sample, approximately 62,000 occupied households were eligible for interview. Of this number, about 2,800 occupied units were visited but interviews were not obtained because the occupants were not found at home after repeated calls or were unavailable for some other reason. For a description of the previous CPS sample designs see the detailed reports in this series, Current Population Reports, Series P-60.

The estimation procedure used in this survey involves the inflation of the weighted sample results to independent estimates of the total civilian noninstitutional population of the United States by age, race, and sex. The estimation procedure also involved a further adjustment so that husband and wife of a household received the same weight. These

independent estimates are based on statistics from the decennial censuses of population; statistics on births, deaths, immigration and emigration; and statistics on the strength of the Armed Forces. Beginning with reports containing income data for 1980, the independent population estimates used for 1979 and later years are based on the 1980 census. In earlier reports in this series (P-60), data for 1971 through 1979 were obtained using independent population estimates based on the 1970 census. For more details on this change, see the section of the text, "Introduction of 1980 Census Population Controls," in the upcoming Current Population Reports, Series P-60, No. 132.

### **RELIABILITY OF THE ESTIMATES**

Since the CPS estimates are based on a sample, they may differ somewhat from the figures that would have been obtained if a complete census had been taken using the same questionnaires, instructions, and enumerators. There are two types of errors possible in an estimate based on a sample survey: sampling and nonsampling. The standard errors provided for this report primarily indicate the magnitude of the sampling error. They also partially measure the effect of some nonsampling errors in response and enumeration, but do not measure any systematic biases in the data. The full extent of non-sampling error is unknown. Consequently, particular care should be exercised in the interpretation of figures based on a relatively small number of cases or on small differences between estimates.

**Sampling variability.** The standard errors that may be obtained using this appendix are primarily measures of sampling variability; that is, of the variation that occurred by chance because a sample rather than the entire population was surveyed. The sample estimate and its estimated standard error enable one to construct confidence intervals--ranges that would include the average

result of all possible samples with a known probability. For example, if all possible samples were selected, each of these being surveyed under essentially the same general conditions and using the same sample design, and if an estimate and its estimated standard error were calculated from each sample, then:

1. Approximately 68 percent of the intervals from one standard error below the estimate to one standard error above the estimate would include the average result of all possible samples.
2. Approximately 90 percent of the intervals from 1.6 standard errors below the estimate to 1.6 standard errors above the estimate would include the average result of all possible samples.
3. Approximately 95 percent of the intervals from two standard errors below the estimate to two standard errors above the estimate would include the average result of all possible samples.

The average estimate derived from all possible samples is or is not contained in any particular computed interval. However, for a particular sample, one can say with a specified confidence that the average estimate derived from all possible samples is included in the confidence interval.

Standard errors may also be used to perform hypothesis testing, a procedure for distinguishing between population parameters using sample estimates. The most common types of hypotheses are 1) the population parameters are identical, versus 2) they are different. An example of this would be comparing the mean annual income of men versus the mean annual income of women. Tests may be performed at various levels of significance, where a level of significance is the probability of concluding that the parameters are different when, in fact, they are identical.

All statements of comparison in the text have passed a hypothesis test at the 0.10 level of significance or better, and most have passed a hypothesis test at the 0.05 level of significance or better. This means that, for most differences cited in the text, the estimated difference between parameters is greater than twice the standard error of the difference. For the other differences mentioned, the estimated difference between parameters is between 1.6 and 2.0 times the standard error of the difference. When this is the case, the statement of comparison will be qualified in some way; e.g., by use of the phrase "some evidence."

Note when using small estimates. Summary measures (such as means, medians, and percent distributions) are shown in the

report only when the base is 75,000 or greater. Because of the large standard errors involved, there is little chance that summary measures would reveal useful information when computed on a smaller base. Estimated numbers are shown, however, even though the relative standard errors of these numbers are larger than those for corresponding percentages. These smaller estimates are provided primarily to permit such combinations of the categories as serve each user's needs.

Standard errors for data based on CPS. Since this is an advance report, standard error parameters are provided in table B-1 for estimated numbers and estimated percentages of households, families, unrelated individuals, and persons for only certain characteristics which are considered the most important among the data in the report.

Standard error tables for each characteristic of interest for estimated numbers and estimated percentages of households, families, unrelated individuals, and persons are provided in the detailed report for 1980 income in this series. A more complete source and reliability statement will be published in the forthcoming detailed reports on income and poverty for 1981.

Standard errors of estimated numbers and estimated percentages. Standard errors of estimated numbers and estimated percentages can be computed directly with formulas (1) and (2), respectively. The formulas are

$$\sigma_x = \sqrt{ax^2 + bx} \quad (1)$$

Here  $x$  is the size of the estimate and  $a$  and  $b$  are the parameters associated with the characteristic.

$$\sigma_{(x,p)} = \sqrt{\frac{b}{x} \cdot p \cdot (100 - p)} \quad (2)$$

Here  $x$  is the size of the subclass of the population which is the base of the percentage,  $p$  is the percentage ( $0 < p < 100$ ), and  $b$  is the parameter associated with the characteristic.

Table B-1 provides the values of the  $a$  and  $b$  parameters that are used in formulas (1) and (2) to create standard errors of estimated numbers and estimated percentages of households, families, unrelated individuals, and persons.

Standard error of a difference. The formula for approximate standard errors of the

difference between two estimates  $x$  and  $y$ , is given by

$$\sigma_{(x-y)} = \sqrt{\sigma_x^2 + \sigma_y^2 - 2\rho\sigma_x\sigma_y} \quad (3)$$

where  $\sigma_x$  and  $\sigma_y$  are the standard errors of the estimates  $x$  and  $y$ , and  $\rho$  represents the correlation between the two estimates.

For the year-to-year comparisons of income and poverty estimates the correlation coefficients,  $\rho$ , are contained in the upcoming

detailed reports in this series, (Current Population Reports, P-60, Nos. 132 and 133). For other comparisons, assume  $\rho$  equals zero. Making this assumption will result in accurate estimates of the difference between two estimates of the same characteristic in two different areas, or for the difference between separate and uncorrelated characteristics in the same area. If, however, there is a high positive (negative) correlation between the two characteristics, the formula will overestimate (underestimate) the true standard error.

**Table B-1. Parameters for Direct Computation of Standard Errors of Estimated Numbers and Percentages of Households, Families, Unrelated Individuals, and Persons: 1966 to 1981**

Characteristic	Parameters	
	a	b
Number of households, families, and unrelated individuals:		
All races or White.....	-0.000010	1,721
Black and/or other races.....	-0.000089	1,876
Spanish origin.....	-0.000014	2,420
Number of persons:		
All races or White.....	-0.000009	1,885
Black and/or other races.....	-0.000077	2,155
Spanish origin.....	-0.000020	3,000
Families below poverty level:		
All races or White.....	0.000076	1,876
Black and/or other races.....	0.000076	1,876
Spanish origin.....	-0.000014	2,420
Persons below poverty level:		
All races or White.....	-0.000031	7,946
Black and/or other races.....	-0.000270	7,946
Spanish origin.....	-0.000063	11,528

Note: For years prior to 1966, a standard error estimate computed with these parameters must be adjusted. For 1947 to 1954, multiply the standard error by 1.8; for 1955 to 1964, multiply by 1.4; and for 1965 multiply by 1.2.